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The State of New Hampshire
March 10, 1998

Polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Wilkins School
Voting on Articles 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 will be at the polls

Remaining Articles will be considered at the meeting held at 10: 00 a.m. March 14th at the Souhegan Cooperative High School.

To the inhabitants of the Town of Amherst in the County of Hillsborough and State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Wilkins School on Boston Post Road, Amherst Village on Tuesday, March 10, 1998 at 7:00 a.m. for the choice of Town Officers elected by official ballot and such action required to be inserted on said official ballot.

The polls will be open on said date at 7:00 a.m. and will close not earlier than 7:00 p.m. in the evening.

You are hereby notified that the second session of the Annual Meeting of the Town of Amherst will be held at Souhegan Cooperative High School on Boston Post Road, Amherst on Saturday, March 14th at 10:00 o'clock in the morning to act on those matters not to be voted on by official ballot (Articles 6 through 24).

Article 1.
To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing terms.

Article 2. (By Petition To Enact the Provisions of SB-2)
Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 40:13 to allow official ballot voting on all issues before the Town?

Article 3.
Shall we modify the elderly exemptions from property tax in the Town of Amherst, based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers, to be as follows: For a person 65 years of age up to 75 years, **$40,000**; for a person 75 years of age up to 80 years, **$60,000**; for a person 80 years of age or older **$80,000.** To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least five (5) years, own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse, they must have been married for at least five (5) years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than **$35,000** or, if married, a combined net income of less than **$50,000** and own net assets not in

excess of **$100,000** excluding the value of the person's residence. **(The Selectmen recommend a yes vote.)**

Article 4. (By Petition)
To see if the Town will vote to rescind the 1997 vote for an elected Planning Board pursuant to RSA 673:2, II (b) (1), and return to an appointed Planning Board pursuant to RSA 673:2, II (a). **(The Selectmen recommend a yes vote.)**

Article 5.
To see if the Town will vote to make the following changes in the Zoning Ordinance for the Town of Amherst:

Amendment No. 1. (By Petition)
To change Lot #112-000 on Map #002 of the Tax Maps of the Town of Amherst, presently owned by Roberge Investments, LLC, c/o Al Legro, Vestmoore Management, Inc., 168 South River Road, Bedford, New Hampshire and being situate on the southeast corner of the intersection of Route 101-A and 122 from a general office zone to a commercial zone.

BALLOT QUESTION:
Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by petitioners of the Town? **(The Planning Board recommends a yes vote.)**

Amendment No. 2. (By Petition)
To change Article IV, Section 4-8, Limited Commercial Zone, to add item A-13 Kennels, as an allowable use in the Limited Commercial Zone.

BALLOT QUESTION:
Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by petitioners of the Town (**The Planning Board recommends a no vote.)**

Amendment No. 3.
To change Article IX, Section 9-1, Planned Residential Development to add:

PRD Regulations
"If bonuses, as explained below, are granted, the total number of bedrooms shall not exceed one and one-half the number of bedrooms calculated above. The number of bedrooms permitted in any PRD shall be determined by the Board to assure compliance with the purpose of PRD and shall not exceed the limit determined above."

Bonuses
The Board shall review the proposed PRD and consider the extent to which it meets or addresses the objectives set forth in this ordinance and may, in its judgment, grant density bonuses not to exceed those indicated below.

Item	Maximum % Increase in Density
Recreation Facilities	5%
Phasing	5 Years - 10% 10 Years - 20%
Conservation	5% for each 5% of net tract area places in conservation easement and/or set aside for trails to integrate with the Town trail system as determined by the Conservation Commission.
Low & Moderate Cost Housing	30% if between 20% and 40% of the total number of bedrooms which are located with dwelling units which are low to moderate cost housing.
Housing for Elderly Or "Empty Nester"	40% if the bedrooms in units of one or two bedrooms that are designated to be occupied by an individual or spouse who has reached the age of 45. Such age shall be a deed restriction for that unit.

BALLOT QUESTION:
Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 3 as proposed by the Planning Board?

Amendment No. 4.
To see if the Town will vote to add to Section IX, Article 9-1 "Conservation and Recreational Land Use".

Applicability
This ordinance is applicable only to residentially zoned parcels with greater than ten acres of undeveloped land.

Purpose of the Alternative Conservation and Recreational Land Use Ordinance
The purpose of this ordinance is to implement a mechanism that allows land owners to create definite term conservation or recreational easements on tracts of land that are greater than ten acres and to derive economic benefit from preserving conservation or recreational resources.

General Regulation
Any owner of an eligible tract of land may apply to the Planning Board for approval of a plan to create a conservation or recreation easement. Easements may be granted for a minimum of ten years, during which time the owner(s) shall retain use of the land in accordance with the approved plan. Each shall be approved by the Planning Board and must be filed with the County Registry of Deeds.

Approval of the plan and granting of the easement shall enable the owner to establish certain recreation and/or conservation uses that do not appreciably alter the characteristics of the land. The owner may allow use of the land for the approved conservation or recreational purposes by individuals or the general public or the owner may restrict use to another entity or to the Town or other governmental entity. The owner of the land may also form a conservation or recreation association, which would govern the approved conservation or recreational uses of the land. In all cases, use of the land is restricted to the approved conservation or recreation purposes.

The land owner may charge reasonable fees for the use of the land by the public, an association or other entities.

Application Procedures

Applications shall be made in writing to the Zoning Administrator and shall contain all applicable information prior to submission to the Planning Board for consideration. At a minimum, the application shall contain:

1. Name of the land owner(s).
2. Map and Lot numbers of the parcel(s) to be covered by the easement.
3. A plan showing the parcel, abutters, existing development and planned improvements or alterations.
4. A detailed description of the conservation and/or recreational activities planned for the land.
5. A detailed description of the measures to be implemented to ensure that the planned uses do not appreciably alter the character of the land, including the identification of ecologically significant areas or wildlife.
6. The schedule and intensity of use of the land.
7. A description of any improvements or alterations to the land to support the conservation or recreational uses.
8. The intended users of the land (individuals, groups, associations, etc.).
9. Provisions for access to special populations if use is open to the general public.
10. A copy of the legal documents creating the easement and limiting the use of the land to the approved purpose for the period indicated.
11. A summary of public benefit to be gained by approval of the plan.

General Provisions

1. Each tract of land must contain a minimum of ten acres of undeveloped land.
2. Conservation and recreation easements must be created for a minimum of ten years and shall be renewable for an unlimited number of ten year minimum periods.
3. No activities, other than approved by the Planning Board, may employ the use of hazardous or toxic substances as defined in 40 CFR Part 260, 261.
4. No structures may be supplied with utilities, except as approved by the Planning Board.

5. If the conservation or recreational activities entail use by groups, adequate on-site parking and sanitary facilities shall be provided.
6. Conservation and recreational uses shall be limited to non-motorized activities, except as required for maintenance, health and safety or access handicapped individuals.

BALLOT QUESTION:
Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 4 as proposed by the Planning Board?

Amendment No. 5.
To see if the Town will vote to replace Article V, Accessory Apartment Sections 5-4.4, 5-6.6, 5-7.7, 5-9.1, 5-10.7 with new definition to Sections 5-4.4, 5-6.6, 5-7.7, 5-9.1, 5-10.7.

Accessory Apartment
A second dwelling unit incorporated within a single family home which is structurally integrated with direct access between it and the main living unit. The total area of the accessory apartment shall not exceed 800 s.f. and shall consist of only one bedroom. Any changes to the total number of bedrooms per lot will require a new state approved septic plan to be placed of file with the Zoning Office prior to the issuance of a conversion/building permit.

BALLOT QUESTION:
Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 5 as proposed by the Planning Board?

Amendment No. 6.
To see if the Town will vote to delete Article IV, Section 4-16 Planned Office Development from the Zoning Ordinance and from the tax maps of the Town of Amherst.

BALLOT QUESTION:
Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 6 as proposed by the Planning Board?

Amendment No. 7.
To see if the Town will vote to delete Lots 13, 14 through 14-4 inclusive, 15, 16, 17 through 17-8 inclusive, 107 and 107-1 on Map 2 from the General Office Zone and add to Residential Zone on Map 2.

BALLOT QUESTION:
Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 7 as proposed by the Planning Board?

Amendment No. 8.
To see if the Town will vote to replace the sign definition from Article III, Section 3-4 with new sign definition:

Any material, structure or device, or part thereof, composed of lettered or pictorial matter which is located out-of-doors, or on the exterior of any building, or indoors as a window sign, displaying an advertisement, announcement, notice or name, and shall include any declaration, demonstration, display, representation, illustration or insignia used to advertise or promote the interests of any person or business or cause when such is placed in view of the general public. Signs shall include: Any sign defined in this section or otherwise regulated under this ordinance; flags, banners, pennants, streamers, balloons, spinners or similar devices; and any other fixed or portable device or vehicle placed on a parcel of land and used as a sign to convey information to the public.

Prohibited Signs
No banners, pennants, ribbons, streamers, spinners of similar moving, fluttering or revolving devices shall be permissible for display as signs, except as exempted above as New Hampshire or U.S. flags.

BALLOT QUESTION:
Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 8 as proposed by the Planning Board?

Amendment No. 9.
To see if the Town will vote to replace Article III, Section 3-7.A. with "current BOCA Building Code".

BALLOT QUESTION:
Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 9 as proposed by the Planning Board?

Amendment No. 10.
To see if the Town will vote to add new section D in Article IV, 4-3 Residential/Rural, 4-5 Northern Rural, 4-7 Commercial, 4-8 Limited Commercial, 4-17 Northern Transitional and new section E in 4-14 General Office - "Prohibited Uses - Aircraft landing fields".

BALLOT QUESTION:
Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 10 as proposed by the Planning Board?

Amendment No. 11.
To see if the Town will vote to add new allowed use under Article IV, Section 4-9 Industrial Zone, A.20 "Aircraft landing fields".

BALLOT QUESTION:
Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 11 as proposed by the Planning Board?

Amendment No. 12.
To see if the Town will vote to delete Article VI, Section 6-3.B.3.

BALLOT QUESTION:
Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 12 as proposed by the Planning Board?

Amendment No. 13.
To see if the Town will vote to delete Article VI, Section 6-3.B, fourth line "and appointed as in B-2".

BALLOT QUESTION:
Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 13 as proposed by the Planning Board?

Amendment No. 14.
To see if the Town will vote to delete from Article VIII, Section 8-5, Definition, the words: "would spend without exceeding thirty percent (30%) of the total household annual gross income for shelter, including utilities".

BALLOT QUESTION:
Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 14 as proposed by the Planning Board?

Amendment No. 15.
To see if the Town will vote to change Article IX, Section 9-1, Planned Residential Development, Minimum Lot Area, from "...areas of slope equal to or greater than 15%" to "...areas of slope equal to or greater than 25%".

BALLOT QUESTION:
Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 15 as proposed by the Planning Board?

Amendment No. 16.
To see if the Town will vote to add to Article VIII, Section 8-5, Identification of Suitable Project 7. If an existing dwelling is located on the site and sufficient evidence is presented to the Planning Board to show that the existing dwelling is affordable within the meaning of this ordinance, than No. 6 shall not apply to that existing dwelling.

BALLOT QUESTION:
Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 16 as proposed by the Planning Board?

Amendment No. 17.
To see if the Town will vote to add Article III, Section 3-15, III.E. Horse Riding Lessons, 1. Riding Lessons shall be limited to no more than ten (10) lessons per day.

BALLOT QUESTION:
Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 17 as proposed by the Planning Board?

Amendment No. 18.
To see if the Town will vote to add new Section 3-17 Equestrian Facilities and Events.

Intent of the Ordinance
The Town of Amherst recognizes that equestrian activities and facilities are an integral part of the history and rural character of the Town and, as such, can contribute to achieving the goals of the Master Plan. Through the preservation of open space and agricultural practices, the commercial elements of such ventures are of value to the entire community by providing recreational, competitive and other opportunities for public benefit.

The intent of this ordinance is to allow the development of private equestrian facilities and events in the residential zones of the Town of Amherst, while seeking to preserve the rural character of the Town. The provisions of this ordinance are further intended to limit the impact of these commercial ventures on public health, safety and welfare by the establishment of minimum standards and by requiring a review of the design, operating procedures and control of impacts. The ordinance seeks to promote the health, safety and welfare of rider and animal, as well as the public.

1.0 DEFINITIONS

1.1 Equestrian Facility: A private facility with limited and/or occasional availability to the public; primarily for the boarding, training, breeding, sale, riding and maintenance of horses, ponies and other equids, with or without instruction for the rider.

1.2 Equestrian Events: Any event of more than 30 participants per day involving horses and/or other animals which are on display or engaged in competition and organized and managed in accordance with the provision of a sanctioning state or national organization.

1.3 Riding Lessons: Any lesson or activity with limited availability to the public involving the riding, training or care of horses, whether saddled or otherwise, and including the training or instruction of riders or drivers.

2.0 GENERAL PROVISIONS

2.1 Applicability. The provisions of this ordinance apply to all lessons or events involving horses that are open or available to the general public, regardless of whether there is a fee charged. Activities covered under this ordinance are allowed in all zones of the Town of Amherst. These provisions do not apply to the private ownership of horses or other farm animals not available for public use.

The ordinance shall be construed to cover and define uses permitted to equidae as a whole and not to limit permitted uses and activities to a size animal or species or sub-species.

Allowable uses and activities involve the interaction between horses and humans and can be instructional, competitive, recreational, therapeutic, training, exercise, conditioning, or as otherwise approved by the Planning Board.

2.2 Prohibited Uses. Activities, operations or events for the purpose of livestock auctions, commercial horse sales, the sale of transport equipment and vehicles, the manufacture or sale of feed and animal hospitals are not allowable uses permitted under this ordinance.

Outdoor lighting for night-time use of arenas, tracks and like training or competition areas is prohibited.

2.3 Equestrian Event Management. Equestrian events consist of horse shows, trials or competitions open to the general public. All events shall be conducted under the rules or other provision of an applicable sanctioning state or national organization. Prior to conducting such events, the owner of the property shall apply for and obtain approval under the Non-Residential Site Plan review regulations of the Town. At a minimum the application shall include:

1. Name of the land owner(s).
2. Map and Lot numbers of the parcel(s) to be used for equestrian events.
3. A plan showing the parcel, abutters, existing development and planned improvements or alterations, parking areas and traffic access and circulation.
4. A detailed description of the proposed equestrian events including activities, hours of operation, number of participants, bathroom facilities, water supply, etc.
5. A detailed description of the measures to be implemented to ensure that the proposed activities are compatible with the neighborhood, including but not limited to traffic management, dust and noise control, disposal of manure.

6. The annual schedule of equestrian events.
7. Provisions for access to special populations if events are open to the general public.
8. A copy of the sanctioning organization's requirements for event management.
9. A traffic and parking plan shall designate areas for parking horse trailers and other oversize vehicles and for individual vehicles for those attending the equestrian events. All event parking shall be restricted to the designated areas and limited to the available spaces. No on-street parking shall be allowed. Traffic circulation shall ensure access for emergency vehicles at all times.

2.4 Riding Lessons. Riding lessons are all activities involving instruction, training or participation in horse-back riding provided to the general public using horses not wholly owned by the individual receiving the instruction or training. Riding lessons to more than ten individuals per day may be offered only by facilities approved under this ordinance. Prior to offering riding lessons to the public, the owner of the property shall apply for and obtain approval under the provision of the Non-Residential Site Plan review regulations of the Town. At a minimum the application shall include:

1. Name of the land owner(s).
2. Map and Lot numbers of the parcel(s) to be used for riding lessons.
3. A plan showing the parcel, abutters, existing development and planned improvements or alterations, parking areas and traffic access and circulation.
4. A detailed description of the proposed riding lesson operations including activities, hours of operation, maximum number of hourly and daily participants, bathroom facilities, waiting/classroom areas, water supply, etc.
5. A detailed description of the measures to be implemented to ensure that the activities are compatible with the neighborhood, including but not limited to traffic management, dust and noise control, disposal of manure.
6. The schedule of operation of the riding center.
7. Provisions for access to special populations if lessons are open to the general public.
8. A copy of an emergency response plan to manage accidents and injuries.
9. A traffic management plan must be prepared for any riding center offering lessons to more than three riders per hour.

3.0 OTHER PROVISIONS

3.1 Barns or other structures used to stable horses under this ordinance shall be limited to one animal per stall and one stall per 1.0 acres of pasture.

Animals covered under this ordinance smaller than standard horses (58 inches) must be provided adequate pasture area.

3.2 Barns used to stable five or more horses may contain up to 800 sq. ft. of living space for a stable manager provided such space meets all applicable BOCA requirements and is issued an occupancy permit by the Town.

3.3 The restrictions on riding lessons contained in Section 2.4 of this ordinance shall not apply to the owners of horses stabled or boarded at a facility not otherwise subject to this ordinance.

3.4 Nothing in this ordinance shall be construed to prohibit the private sale or maintenance of horses or farm livestock or to prohibit, or otherwise restrict, agricultural operations.

BALLOT QUESTION:
Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 18 as proposed by the Planning Board?

Article 6.
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $500,000 for the purchase of such municipal land and/or buildings as the Selectmen deem appropriate and in the best interest of the Town and to authorize the issuance of not more than $500,000 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA Chapter 33) and to authorize the municipal officials to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon, provided, nevertheless, that the Selectmen shall not conclude any such purchase unless and until they have presented to either an annual or special town meeting, a warrant article asking the meeting to ratify the particular parcel chosen by the Selectmen for purchase, or take action relative thereto (2/3rds ballot vote required). **(The Selectmen recommend a yes vote.)**

Article 7.
To see if the Town will raise such monies as may be necessary to defray Town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations for the same or take action relative thereto. Said sum is exclusive of all special warrant articles addressed separately. **(The Selectmen recommend a yes vote.)**

Article 8.
To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of $27,358 to fund the deficit in the 1997-98 Souhegan Regional Landfill District budget appropriation or take action relative thereto. **(The Selectmen recommend a yes vote.)**

Article 9.
To see if the Town will vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Board of Selectmen and the Amherst Police Union which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits: 1998 - $16,378, 1999 - $16,850 (Est.) and 2000 (TBD). The 1998 costs are included in the appropriation requested under Article 7 or take action relative thereto. **(The Selectmen recommend a yes vote.)**

Article 10.
To see if the Town will vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Board of Selectmen and the Department of Public Works Union which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits: 1998 - $1.00 (Est.), 1999 - $1.00 (Est.) and 2000 - $1.00 (Est.). The 1998 costs are to be included in the appropriation requested under Article 7 or take action relative thereto. **(The Selectmen recommend a yes vote.)**

Article 11.
To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of $4,000 for survey, design review and recommendations for the physical needs of Town Hall to update all of the electrical, plumbing, mechanical systems, HVAC and make the building ADA compliant or take action relative thereto. **(The Selectmen recommend a yes vote.)**

Article 12.
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $122,000 for the construction of a Salt Barn at the Department of Public Works Complex to be funded in the following manner:

Withdrawal From Capital Reserve	$106,000
Raised by Taxation	$ 16,000

or take action relative thereto. **(The Selectmen recommend a yes vote.)**

Article 13.
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $24,000 for the purchase of two defibrillators for the Rescue Squad or take action relative thereto. **(The Selectmen recommend a yes vote.)**

Article 14.
To see if the Town will vote to create, pursuant to RSA 31:19-a, a restricted expendable trust fund to be known as the Amherst Town Library Property Fund for the purpose of acquisition of land and any buildings thereon for future expansion of library space and to vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $40,000 to be placed in the Amherst Town Library Property Fund or take action relative thereto. The trust will operate under the following rules:

1. The Trust Fund will be invested by the Town of Amherst Trustees of the Trust Fund as prescribed by State Statute.

2. The Trust Fund will have a separate Board of Directors established as follows:

a. Two members of the Trustees of the Library elected by the Library Trustees.
b. One member of the Board of Selectmen appointed by the Board of Selectmen.
c. One member of the Representatives to the General Court elected by the Representatives among themselves.
d. One member of the Trustees of the Trust Funds elected from among themselves.

3. It is the intent that this trust fund will be added to by warrants put before the voters each year. Interest on the fund to accumulate. Expenditure of the fund to be authorized by a three-fifth vote of the above described Board of Directors. **(The Selectmen recommend a yes vote.)**

Article 15.
To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of installing a sprinkler system in the apparatus bay of the Central Fire Station and to raise and appropriate the sum of $7,500 to be placed in this fund or take action relative thereto. **(The Selectmen recommend a yes vote.)**

Article 16. (By Petition)
To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of $5,000 to:

a. Conduct a wireless telecommunication workshop open to Town Boards, interested Amherst citizens, and potential industry providers in order to provide access to the best information available for decision making by the Board of Selectmen, the Planning Board, and the Zoning Board as well as the citizens of the Town.
b. Hire technical services as needed by the Selectmen, the Planning Board, and the Zoning Board in reviewing future applications from prospective providers.

Any monies so raised and appropriated that are not spent are to be applied to costs incurred in creating a wireless telecommunication facilities master plan or take action relative thereto. **(The Selectmen recommend a no vote.)**

Article 17. (By Petition)
To see if the Town will vote to create, pursuant to RSA 31:19-a, a restricted expendable trust fund to be known as the Amherst Steeple Fund for the purpose of maintenance and repairs to the Town steeple attached to the Congregational Church of Amherst and to vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $10,000 to be placed in the Amherst Steeple Fund or take action relative thereto. The trust will operate under the following rules:

1. The Trust Fund will be invested by the Town of Amherst Trustees of the Trust Fund as prescribed by State Statute.
2. The Trust Fund will have a separate Board of Directors established as follows:

a. Two members of the Congregational Church of Amherst appointed by the Congregational Church of Amherst.
b. One member of the Board of Selectmen appointed by the Board of Selectmen.
c. One member of the Representatives to the General Court elected by the Representatives among themselves.
d. One member of the Trustees of the Trust Funds elected from among themselves.

3. It is the intent that this trust fund will be added to by warrants put before the voters each year. Interest on the fund to accumulate. Expenditure of the fund to be authorized by a three-fifth vote of the above described Board of Directors. **(The Selectmen recommend a yes vote.)**

Article 18. (By Petition)
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $50,000 to be transferred to and used by the Amherst Land Trust for the purpose of acquiring developable land, development rights or easements, to ensure the maintenance and preservation of the scenic and rural character of the Town and to minimize the tax impact of residential development. Such sum represents the amount of current use recovery fees collected by the Town during the current fiscal year, less the amount transferred to the Amherst Conservation Commission Land Fund or take action relative thereto. **(The Selectmen recommend a no vote.)**

Article 19. (By Petition)
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate $14,867.40 to allow the conversion of the Fire Department's Department Assistant's position from a 28 hours per week part-time position to a 35 hours per week full-time position or take action relative thereto. **(The Selectmen recommend a no vote.)**

Article 20. (By Petition)
To see if the Town will vote to change the designation of Town Land known as Bragdon Farm, Amherst Tax Map 8, Lots 8-54, 8-54-1 and 8-56, and Bedford Tax Map 30, Lot 15 from category "Town Property" to category "Conservation Land" or take action relative thereto. **(The Selectmen recommend a no vote.)**

Article 21. (By Petition)
To designate Mack Hill Road from Manchester Road to its northern terminus at the town line as a scenic road pursuant to the provisions of RSA 231:157 or take action relative thereto.

Article 22.
To see whether the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to convey an easement to New England Telephone, D/B/A Bell Atlantic, to permit the placement of a telephone utility cabinet and related connects and appurtenances on land owned by the Town known as Map 8, Lot 77-10, on such terms and conditions as the Selectmen deem in the best interest of the Town or take action relative thereto. **(The Selectmen recommend a yes vote.)**

Article 23.
To see if the Town will vote to amend the purpose of the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve to include maintenance and refurbishing Highway Department equipment or take action relative thereto (2/3rds vote required). **(The Selectmen recommend a yes vote.)**

Article 24.
To see if the Town will vote to amend the purpose of the Highway Vehicle Capital Reserve to include maintenance and refurbishing Highway Department equipment or take action relative thereto (2/3rds vote required). **(The Selectmen recommend a yes vote.)**

Given under our hands and seal this 4th day of February 1998.

RICHARD SHERWOOD
ROBERT F. JACKSON
WILLIAM H. OVERHOLT
MARILYN PETERMAN
RICHARD VERROCHI

A true copy of warrant - ATTEST

RICHARD SHERWOOD
ROBERT F. JACKSON
WILLIAM H. OVERHOLT
MARILYN PETERMAN
RICHARD VERROCHI

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND REVENUES

	Budget 1996-97	Added	Total Available	Expended	Under	Over	Approved 1997-98	Proposed 1998-99
General Government:								
Town Officers Salaries	89785		89785	89727	58		92367	96828
Town Office Expense	222861		222861	216528	6333		220184	233641
Town Buildings	86150		86150	104022		17872	125544	124470
Elections	5400		5400	3313	2087		1800	15550
Legal	45000		45000	44859	141		45000	60000
Insurance	452916		452916	422258	30658		496462	556402
Maps & Survey	950		950	952		2	990	1000
Assessing	84723		84723	84489	234		96126	100531
Police Retirement	25610		25610	16948	8662		26442	30183
Social Security	105783		105783	107016		1233	114096	118761
Employee Retirement	32821		32821	31146	1675		35564	39478
Tree Care	725		725	588	137		725	725
Conservation	1575		1575	977	598		2575	2700
Contingency	25000		25000	25000			25000	30000
Total	1179299		1179299	1147823	50583	19107	1282875	1410269
Public Safety:								
Police	735472		735472	728435	7037		784312	861297
Fire	143184		143184	141307	1877		146384	155525
Police Special Duty	25000		25000	29645		4645	25000	30000
Animal Control	11080		11080	7633	3447		11776	10322
Emergency Management	4100		4100	2439	1661		3168	3170
Ambulance	45232		45232	36703	8529		50999	65350
Hydrant Rental	105701		105701	109791		4090	110800	110800
Lease Pay./Ladder Truck					0		100000	100000
Total	1069769		1069769	1055953	13816	8735	1232439	1336464

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	Budget 1996-97	Added	Total Available	Expended	Under	Over	Approved 1997-98	Proposed 1998-99
Health & Welfare:								
Health Officer	1500		1500	1500			1500	1500
Souhegan Nursing	9000		9000	9000			9000	9000
St. Joseph's Elderly	650		650	650			1170	1560
Souhegan Valley Res.	2000		2000	2000			2000	1000
Nashua Mental Health	1178		1178	0	1178		2660	3243
Milford Counseling	3000		3000	3000			3000	3000
Nashua Mediation	600		600	0	600		600	600
Nashua Rape & Assault	700		700	700			1200	1200
Neighborhood Health	750		750	750			850	1500
Red Cross								500
Big Brother/Big Sister								1197
Town Welfare	15000		15000	5430	9570		15000	7500
Total	34378		34378	23030	11348	0	36980	31800
Dept. of Public Works:								
General Expense	177127		177127	212552		35425	141182	154922
Street Lights	24575		24575	25353		778	25877	25875
Oiling	70450		70450	69463	987		71017	78225
Summer Maintenance	93825		93825	91398	2427		97971	108998
Winter Maintenance	268391		268391	307228		38837	278874	285964
Road Improvements	37800		37800	37800			37800	95800
Parks	17014		17014	19499		2435	20997	18294
Highway Subsidy	185625	11907	197532	184313	13219		200750	221334
Landfill	115010		115010	125691		10681	135427	120209
Total	989817		1001724	1073297	16633	88156	1009895	1109621
Recreation & Culture:								
Recreation	157138		157138	156987	151		165946	188633
Baboosic	31230		31230	37189		5959	31645	35495
Memorial Day	700		700	600	100		700	700
July 4th	3000		3000	5000		2000	3000	3000
Total	192068		192068	199776	251	7959	201291	227828

Continued	Budget 1996-97	Added	Total Available	Expended	Under	Over	Approved 1997-98	Proposed 1998-99
Debt Service:								
Payment on Debt-Land	27000		27000	24672	2328		27000	26540
Payment on Debt-Bldg.	0	0	0	0	0		35000	35000
Interest on Debt-Land	10795		10795	6698	4097		9700	3732
Interest on Debt-Bldg.	9779		9779	12215		2436	18703	16734
Total	47574		47574	43585	6425	2436	90403	82006
Planning & Zoning:								
Regional Planning	12793		12793	1208	11585		13143	13217
Planning	4270		4270	2649	1621		3670	3170
Board of Adjustment	1850		1850	1283	567		1900	1700
Zoning	94785		94785	92534	2251		103849	112685
Total	113698		113698	97674	16024	0	122562	130772
Capital Reserves:								
Rescue Vehicle	20000		20000	20000			20000	20000
Highway Equipment	16125		16125	16125			16125	27125
Highway Vehicle	20000		20000	20000	0		20000	22000
Salt Barn	25000		25000	25000			25000	0
Total	81125		81125	81125	0	0	81125	69125
Library:								
Wages	238908		238908	230715	8193		249813	263034
Operating Expenses	73192		73192	71976	1216		82536	94331
Debt Service:								
Payment on Debt	45000		45000	45000			45000	45000
Interest on Debt	35966		35966	35966			32389	28901
Total	393066		393066	383657	9409	0	409738	431266
Transfers Out:								
Communications Center	92347		92347	92016	331		91683	98561
Souhegan Landfill	181736	56616	238352	234573	3779		294967	349683
Total	274083		330699	326589	4110	0	386650	448244
Sub-Total	4374877		4443400	4432509	128599	126393	4853958	5277395

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	Budget 1996-97	Added	Total Available	Expended	Under	Over	Approved 1997-98	Proposed 1998-99
Warrant Articles:								
Total Prior Year	762500	16025	778525	776873	1652	0		
1997-98 Warrant Articles							391988	
1998-99 Warrant Articles:								
Bond Issue Land/Bldg. Purchase								500000
Town Hall Facilities Survey								4000
Salt Barn								122000
Defibrillators (2)								24000
Library Trust Fund								40000
Sprinkler System-Fire Station-Capital Reserve								7500
Wireless Communications Consultant (By Petition)								5000
Steeple Trust Fund (By Petition)								10000
Amherst Land Trust (By Petition)								50000
Full Time Fire Dept. Assistant (By Petition)								14867
Grand Total	**5137377**		**5221925**	**5209382**	**130251**	**126393**	**5245946**	**6054762**

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT - SOURCES OF REVENUE

	Budget 1996-97	Granted By DRA	Net Total Received	Over	Under	Budget 1997-98	Granted By DRA	Proposed 1998-99
Local Taxes								
Interest on Taxes	240000	275000	168038		71962	240000	230000	200000
Yield Taxes	7500	20000	12974	5474		20000	20000	15000
Land Use Change	26500	130000	96650	70150		75000	160000	50000
Intergovernmental								
Shared Revenue	131398	132008	132008	610		132008	160694	160694
Highway Subsidy	187928	199000	191740	3812		200750	210522	221335
Payment in Lieu	0	0	5000	5000		5000	5000	5000
Miscellaneous Revenue	0	951	1965	1965		1700	1724	1700
Town Clerk Revenue								
Motor Vehicle Licenses	1150000	1230000	1301520	151520		1350000	1450000	1450000
Dog Licenses	4000	7000	7355	3355		7000	7000	8000
State Fees	25000	29000	28865	3865		25000	25000	31000
Other Income	7000	8000	8505	1505		8000	8000	9000
Income From Departments								
Zoning & Planning	52000	145000	105193	53193		135000	125000	135000
Police	30000	50000	45733	15733		40000	40000	40000
Recreation	81120	84000	73864		7256	82120	82120	98125
Baboosic	25850	25850	24952		898	21775	21775	23975
Adult Education	10000	12000	10440	440		13100	13100	12800
Rent of Property (Cable)	30000	40000	44385	14385		40000	40000	48000
Welfare Recovery	10000	17000	7973		2027	17000	17000	10000

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	Budget 1996-97	Granted By DRA	Net Total Received	Over	Under	Budget 1997-98	Granted By DRA	Proposed 1998-99
Income From Departments								
Town Office	2000	3000	5616	3616		3000	5000	5000
Highway Income	1000	17293	7217	6217		15000	10000	10000
Sale of Property/Surplus	1500	66606	8037	6537		1500	60000	10000
Insurance Premium Ret.	85000	135000	110884	25884		135000	145000	135000
Interest on Deposits	200000	250000	202119	2119		250000	240000	235000
Ambulance	7500	13000	9883	2383		63000	13000	10000
Fire Department	4000	7500	5810	1810		7500	7500	6000
Transfer Capital Res.	291000	291000	302397	11397		109991	109991	106000
Miscellaneous Income/Gift	4000	10000	0		4000	4000	4000	4000
Proceeds From Notes	350000	350000	350000			0	0	500000
Transfer From Con.Land Acct	0	0	0			75000	85000	0
Surplus Used	200000	0	0		200000	0	0	0
Demolition Inc.	50000	65000	30026		19974	65000	58000	58000
Release of Merrimack Rd.						42300	0	0
Refund from S.R.L.D.							50000	0
Grant - COPSMORE								30302
Total	**3214296**	**3613208**	**3299149**	**390970**	**306117**	**3184744**	**3404426**	**3628931**

SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION - MS1

	ACRES	
LAND:		
Current Use	7554.91	1,250,200.00
Residential	12100.23	197,214,000.00
Commerical/Industrial	1045.33	27,847,900.00
Non-Taxable ($7,308,600.00)	3549.42	
BUILDINGS:		
Residential		374,505,000.00
Manufactured		1,435,200.00
Commercial/Industrial		37,868,900.00
Non-Taxable ($26,691,900.00)		
UTILITIES:		
Electric		9,463,300.00
Gas		941,300.00
Water		1,776,300.00
VALUATION BEFORE EXEMPTIONS:		652,302,100.00
EXEMPTIONS OFF ASSESSED VALUE:		
Elderly (49)		1,057,400.00
Blind (7)		210,000.00
Totally & Permanently Disabled (3)		343,400.00
Solar/Windpower (5)		25,500.00
NET VALUATION AFTER EXEMPTIONS:		650,665,800.00
EXEMPTIONS OFF GROSS TAX:		
Veterans (603)		72,100.00

CURRENT USE REPORT

	Acres		
Farm Land	3236.94	No. of Owners Granted CU	204
Forest Land	2697.24	No. of Parcels in CU	358
Unproductive Land	503.87		
Wet Land	1121.86		
Rec. 20% Recreation Adj.	58.2		
Removed From CU	255.31		

REPORT OF APPROPRIATIONS ACTUALLY VOTED MS-2

Acct. No.	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)	Warr. Art. No.	Appropriations As Voted	For Use By Dept. of Revenue
	GENERAL GOVERNMENT		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
4130-4139	Executive		226,826	
4140-4149	Election, Reg. & Vital Statistics		1,800	
4150-4151	Financial Administration		85,725	
4152	Revaluation of Property		96,126	
4153	Legal Expense		45,000	
4155-4159	Personnel Administration		176,102	
4191-4193	Planning & Zoning		122,562	
4194	General Government Buildings		125,544	
4195	Cemeteries			
4196	Insurance		496,462	
4197	Advertising & Regional Assoc.			
4199	Other General Government		26,715	
	PUBLIC SAFETY		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
4210-4214	Police		784,312	
4215-4219	Ambulance		50,999	
4220-4229	Fire		146,384	
4240-4249	Building Insp./*Police Special Duty*		25,000	
4290-4298	Emergency Management		3,168	
4299	Other Public Safety (Including Communications)		191,683	
	AIRPORT/AVIATION CENTER		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
4301	Administration			
4302	Highways and Streets			
4309	Other			
	HIGHWAYS AND STREETS		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
4311	Administration		847,591	
4312	Highways and Streets			
4313	Street Lighting		25,877	
4316	Other			
	SANITATION		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
4321	Administration		135,427	
4323	Solid Waste Collection			
4324	Solid Waste Disposal		294,967	
4325	Solid Waste Clean-Up			
4326-4329	Sewage Coll. & Disposal & Other			

REPORT OF APPROPRIATIONS ACTUALLY VOTED MS-2

Acct. No.	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)	Warr. Art. No.	Appropriations As Voted	For Use By Dept. of Revenue
	WATER DISTRIBUTION & TREATMENT		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
4331	Administration - *Hydrant Rental*		110,800	
4332	Water Services			
4335-4339	Water Treat., Conservation & Other			
	ELECTRIC		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
4351	Administration			
4352	Generation			
4353	Purchase Costs			
4354	Electric Equipment Maintenance			
4359	Other Electric Costs			
	HEALTH		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
4411	Administration		1,500	
4414	Pest Control		11,776	
4415-4419	Health Agencies, Hospitals & Other		20,480	
	WELFARE		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
4441-4442	Administration & Direct Assistance		15,000	
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Payments			
4445-4449	Vendor Payments & Other			
	CULTURE & RECREATION		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
4520-4529	Parks & Recreation		197,591	
4550-4559	Library		332,349	
4583	Patriotic Purposes		3,700	
4589	Other Culture & Recreation			
	CONSERVATION		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
4611-4612	Administration & Purchases of Natural Resources		2,575	
4619	Other Conservation			
4631-4632	**REDEVELOPMENT & HOUSING**			
4651-4659	**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**			
	DEBT SERVICE		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
4711	Principal - Long Term Bonds & Notes		107,000	
4721	Interest - Long Term Bonds & Notes		60,792	
4723	Interest on Tax Anticipation Notes			
4790-4799	Other Debt Service			

REPORT OF APPROPRIATIONS ACTUALLY VOTED

MS-2

Acct. No.	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)	Warr. Art. No.	Appropriations As Voted	For Use By Dept. of Revenue
	CAPITAL OUTLAY		**XXXXXXXXX**	**XXXXXXXXX**
4901	Land & Improvements	14	116,750	
4902	Machinery, Vehicles & Equipment	11,15,16	135,237	
4903	Buildings		0	
4909	Improvements Other Than Buildings	12,13,9, 10,17	140,725	
	OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT		**XXXXXXXXX**	**XXXXXXXX**
4912	To Special Revenue Fund	19	120,000	
4913	To Capital Projects Fund			
4914	To Enterprise Fund			
	Sewer -			
	Water -			
	Electric -			
	Airport -			
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund		81,125	
4916	To Expendable Trust Funds (except Health Maintenance Trust Fund)			
4917	To Health Maintenance Trust Fund			
4918	To Nonexpendable Trust Funds			
4919	To Agency Funds *Deficit Appropriation*	18	56,616	
	TOTAL VOTED APPROPRIATIONS		**5,422,286**	

Acct. No.	SOURCE OF REVENUE	Warr. Art. No.	For Use By Municipality	Reserved For Use by DRA
	TAXES		xxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxx
3120	Land Use Change Taxes		40,000	
3180	Resident Taxes		0	
3185	Yield Taxes		20,000	
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes		5,000	
3189	Other Taxes			
3190	Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes		230,000	
	Inventory Penalties			
	LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES		xxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxx
3210	Business Licenses & Permits			
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees		1,450,000	
3230	Building Permits		125,000	
3290	Other Licenses,Permits & Fees		40,000	
3311-3319	**FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT**			
	FROM STATE		xxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxx
3351	Shared Revenues		132,008	
3352	Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution			
3353	Highway Block Grant		200,750	
3354	Water Pollution Grant			
3355	Housing & Community Development			
3356	State & Federal Forest Land Reimbursement			
3357	Flood Control Reimbursement			
3359	Other (Inc. Railroad Tax)		1,700	
3379	**FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS**			
	CHARGES FOR SERVICES		xxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxx
3401-3406	Income from Departments		506,495	
3409	Other Charges			
	MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES		xxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxx
3501	Sale of Municipal Property		60,000	
3502	Interest on Investments		240,000	
3503-3509	Other			

Acct. No.	SOURCE OF REVENUE	Warr. Art. No.	For Use By Municipality	Reserved For Use by DRA
INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN			xxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxx
3912	From Special Revenue Funds		85,000	
3913	From Capital Projects Funds			
3914	From Enterprise Funds			
	Sewer - (Offset)		0	
	Water - (Offset)		0	
	Electric - (Offset)		0	
	Airport - (Offset)		0	
3915	From Capital Reserve Funds		109,991	
3916	From Trust & Agency Funds			
	OTHER FINANCING SOURCES		xxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxx
3934	Proc. From Long Term Bonds & Notes			
	SUBTOTAL OF REVENUES		3,245,944	
GENERAL FUND BALANCE				
Unreserved Fund Balance			xxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxx
Voted From "Surplus"				
Fund Balance - Retained			xxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxx
Fund Balance - Reduce Taxes			0	
TOTAL REVENUES AND CREDITS			3,245,944	
REQUESTED OVERLAY (RSA 76:6)		**$**	**60,000**	

Prepared by: Dana G. Crowell, Town Administrator 10/9/97

TOWN OF AMHERST ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT - MS-5		
General Fund July 1, 1996 to June 30, 1997		
A. REVENUES - Modified Accrual	**Acct. No.**	**Amount**
1. Revenue from taxes		
Property taxes	3110	17,600,884
Land use change taxes	3120	147,240
Yield taxes	3185	12,974
Payments in lieu of taxes	3186	5,000
Interest and penalties on delinquent taxes	3190	168,078
Total		17,934,176
2. Revenue from licenses, permits and fees		
Motor vehicle permit fees	3220	1,330,385
Building permits	3230	99,252
Other licenses, permits and fees	3290	14,870
Total		1,444,507
3. Revenue from the State of New Hampshire		
Shared revenue block grant		
Highway block grant	3351	309,986
State and federal forest land reimbursement	3353	191,740
Other state grants and reimbursements	3356	951
Total	3359	41,098
4. Revenue from charges for services		
Income from departments	3401	241,276
Total		241,276
5. Revenue from miscellaneous sources		
Sale of municipal property	3501	103,575
Interest on investments	3502	202,060
Rents of property	3503	44,385
Fines and forfeits	3504	4,336
Insurance dividends and reimbursements	3506	110,884
Total		465,240
6. Interfund operating transfers in		
Transfers from capital reserve fund	3915	302,397
Total		302,397
7. Other financial sources		
Proceeds from long-term notes & general obligation bonds	3934	350,000
Other long-term financial sources	3939	211,000
Total		561,000
8. TOTAL REVENUES FROM ALL SOURCES		21,492,371
9. TOTAL FUND EQUITY		-165,408
10. TOTAL OF LINES 8 AND 9		21,326,963

B. EXPENDITURES - Modified Accrual	Acct. No.	Total Expenditure
1. General government		
Executive	4130	224,770
Election, registration and vital statistics	4140	3,312
Financial administration	4150	81,486
Revaluation of property	4152	84,489
Legal expense	4153	44,859
Planning and zoning	4191	97,674
General government building	4194	104,021
Insurance not otherwise allocated	4196	420,696
Other general government	4199	181,650
Total		1,242,957
2. Public safety		
Police	4210	761,264
Ambulance	4215	36,704
Fire	4220	142,107
Emergency Management	4290	2,440
Communication Center	4299	92,016
Total		1,034,531
3. Highways and streets		
Administration	4311	214,762
Highway and streets	4312	690,287
Street lighting	4316	25,352
Total		930,401
4. Sanitation		
Solid waste collection	4323	125,690
Solid waste disposal	4324	234,573
Total		360,263
5. Water distribution and treatment		
Other water	4339	109,791
Total		109,791
6. Health		
Administration	4411	16,100
Health agencies and hospital	4415	1,500
Other health	4419	7,632
Total		25,232
7. Welfare		
Direct assistance	4442	5,430
Total		5,430
8. Culture and recreation		
Parks and recreation	4520	214,072
Patriotic purposes	4583	5,605
Total		219,677

B. EXPENDITURES - Modified Accrual (Continued)		
	Acct. No.	Total Expenditure
9. Conservation		
Administration	4611	977
Total		977
10. Debt service		
Principal long term bonds and notes	4711	164,842
Interest on long term bonds and notes	4721	55,247
Total		220,089
11. Capital outlay		
Machinery, vehicles and equipment	4902	563,891
Buildings	4903	342,020
Improvements other than buildings	4909	70,540
Total		976,451
12. Interfund operating transfers out		
Transfers to capital reserve funds	4915	81,125
Transfers to trust and agency funds	4916	419,397
Total		500,522
13. Payments to other governments		
Taxes assessed for county	4931	1,455,893
Taxes assessed for school districts	4933	14,560,839
Total		16,016,732
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		21,643,053
TOTAL FUND EQUITY		-316,090
TOTAL		21,326,963

GENERAL FUND BALANCE SHEET - MS-5			
A. ASSETS	**Acct. No.**	**Beginning of Yr.**	**End of Year**
1. Current assets			
Cash and equivalents	1010	3,030,818	2,612,915
Investments	1030	2,751,671	3,913,245
Taxes receivable	1080	2,586,743	1,942,391
Tax liens receivable	1110	588,757	368,647
Accounts receivable	1150	12,640	26,408
Due from other governments	1260	593	1,047
Due from other funds	1310	59,284	80,854
Other current assets	1400	144,589	357,099
Total Assets		9,175,095	9,302,606
B. LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY			
1. Current liabilities			
Warrants and accounts payable	2020	95,029	176,719
Due to other funds	2080	81,977	14,615
Deferred revenue	2220	9,029,274	9,355,882
Other payables	2270	92,541	71,480
Total Liabilities		9,298,821	9,618,696
2. Fund equity			
Reserve for encumbrances	2440	86,461	332,357
Unreserved fund balance	2530	-210,187	-648,447
Total Fund Equity		-123,726	-316,090
TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY		9,175,095	9,302,606
LONG TERM DEBT GROUP OF ACCOUNTS			
Amount to be provided for the retirement of long-term debt	1820	Debit 450,000	Debit 869,957
Notes and bonds payable - long term	2310	Credit 450,000	Credit 869,957
Total		450,000	869,957

AMORTIZATION OF LONG TERM DEBT	Purpose	Annual Installment	Interest Rate	Date of Final Payment	Bonds o/s at Beginning of yr.	Bonds issued this year	Bonds retired this year	Bonds o/s at end of year
900,000	Library	45,000	8.0-8.125	Feb. 2006	450,000	0	45,000	405,000
350,000	Building Add.	35,000	5.625	Aug. 2006	0	350,000	0	350,000
235,000	Land Purchase	Variable	5.25	Jun. 2001	0	235,000	120,043	114,957
TOTAL					450,000	585,000	165,043	869,957

ANNUAL REQUIREMENTS TO AMORTIZE ALL GENERAL OBLIGATIONS Debt as of June 30, 1997 For the ensuing five years	Year	Principal	Interest	Total
	1998	111,832	56,555	168,387
	1999	106,540	49,368	155,908
	2000	107,962	42,468	150,430
	2001	108,623	35,435	144,058
	2002	80,000	29,064	109,064
SUBTOAL		514,957	212,890	727,847
Remaining periods of debt: 2003-2007		355,000	61,160	416,160
TOTAL		869,957	274,050	1,144,007

RECONCILATIONS - MS-5		Amount	
A. Reconcilation of School District Liability			
1. School district liability at beginning of year		0	
2. Add: School district assessment for current year		14,560,839	
3. Total Liability within current year		14,560,839	
4. Subtract: Payments made to school district		-14,560,839	
5. School district liability at end of year		0	
	Current Yr.	**Prior Years**	**Total**
B. Allowance for Abatements			
1. Overlay/Allowance for Abatements		377,931	377,931
2. Subtract: Abatements made	-122,162	-329,533	-451,695
3. Subtract: Discounts	0	0	0
4. Subtract: Refunds (cash abatements)		-43	-43
5. Est. Allowance for Abatements at End of Year	-17,154	-182,940	-200,094
6. Excess of estimate	105,008	524,567	629,575
	1080 Taxes	**1110 Liens**	**Totals**
C. Taxes/Liens Receivable			
1. Uncollected, end of year	1,942,391	568,742	2,511,133
2. Subtract: "Overlay"		-200,094	-200,094
3. Receivable, end of year	1,942,391	368,648	2,311,039
			Special
SUMMARY OF REVENUES FOR ALL OTHER FUNDS			**Revenue**
A. Revenue and other financing Sources			
1. Interest on investments			9,315
2. Other miscellaneous sources			28,018
Total Revenue and Other Sources			37,333
SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES FOR ALL OTHER FUNDS			
A. Expenditures (By Functions)			
1. Culture and recreation			348,096
2. Conservation			7,516
3. Capital outlay			12,446
Total Expenditures			368,058
SUMMARY OF ALL OTHER FUNDS			
A. Assets - Current			
1. Cash and equivalents			261,979
2. Investments			90,637
3. Due from other funds			2,765
Total Assets			355,381
B. Liabilities and Fund Equity			
1. Warrants and accounts payable			2,765
2. Due to other funds			2,016
Total Liabilities			4,781

				Special
B. Liabilities and Fund Equity (Continued)				Revenue
Fund Equity/Capital				
1. Reserve for special purposes				350,600
Total Fund Equity				350,600
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY				355,381
SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION				
A. All Funds (Additional)				Total
Revenue				
Parks and recreation				121,606
Expenditure				
Money paid directly to needy persons				
not covered by Federal programs				5,430
	Bonds o/s			O/S at the
	Beginning	Bonds	Bonds	end of this
	of F/Y	Issued F/Y	Retired F/Y	F/Y
B. Debt Outstanding, Issued & Retired				
All other debt	450,000	585,000	165,043	869,957
C. Salaries and Wages				Total
Total salaries and wages paid to all employees				1,973,773
D. Cash and Investments Held at End of FY				
All other funds except employee retirement funds				6,878,776

PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 31:4)	Warr. Art. No.	1996-97 Appropriations Prior Year Approved by DRA	1996-97 Actual Expenditures Prior Year	1997-98 Appropriations Prior Year as Approved by DRA	1998-99 Appropriations Ensuing F/Y (Recommended)	Appropriations Ensuing F/Y (Not Recommended)
GENERAL GOVERNMENT		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
4130-4139 Executive		231,625	224,769	226,826	238,990	
4140-4149 Election, Reg & Vital Stats		5,400	3,313	1,800	15,550	
4150-4151 Financial Administration		81,021	81,486	85,725	91,479	
4152 Revaluaton of Property		84,723	84,489	96,126	100,531	
4153 Legal Expense		45,000	44,859	45,000	60,000	
4155-4159 Personnel Administration		164,214	155,110	176,102	188,422	
4191-4193 Planning & Zoning		113,698	97,674	122,562	130,772	
4194 General Government Buildings		86,150	104,022	125,544	124,470	
4195 Cemeteries						
4196 Insurance		452,916	422,258	496,462	556,402	
4197 Advertising & Regional Assoc.						
4199 Other General Government		26,675	26,540	26,715	31,725	
PUBLIC SAFETY		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
4210-4214 Police		735,472	728,435	784,312	861,297	
4215-4219 Ambulance		45,232	36,703	50,999	65,350	
4220-4229 Fire		143,184	141,307	146,384	155,525	
4240-4249 Build Insp /Police Spec. Duty		25,000	29,645	25,000	30,000	
4290-4298 Emergency Management		4,100	2,439	3,168	3,170	
4299 Other Public Safety (Including Communications)		92,347	92,016	191,683	198,561	
HIGHWAYS AND STREETS		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
4311-4312 Administration & Highways & Streets		850,232	922,253	847,591	963,537	
4313 Bridges						
4316-4319 Street Lighting & Other		24,575	25,353	25,877	25,875	
SANITATION		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
4321-4323 Administration & Solid Waste Collection		115,010	125,691	135,427	120,209	
4324-4325 Solid Waste Disposal & Cleanup		181,736	234,573	294,967	349,683	
4326-4329 Sewage Collection & Disposal & Other						
WATER DISTRIBUTION & TREATMENT		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
4331-4332 Administration & Water Services/Hydrant Rental		105,701	109,791	110,800	110,800	
4335-4339 Water Treatment, Conservation & Other						

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ELECTRIC		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
4351-4352 Administration & Generation						
4353 Purchase Costs						
4354 Electric Equipment Maintenance						
4355-4359 Other Electric Costs						
HEALTH		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
4411-4414 Admin. & Pest Control		12,580	9,133	13,276	11,822	
4415-4419 Health Agencies & Hospitals & Other		17,878	16,100	20,480	22,800	
WELFARE		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
4441-4442 Administration & Direct Assistance		15,000	5,430	15,000	7,500	
4444 Intergov Welfare Payments						
4445-4449 Vendor Payments & Other						
CULTURE & RECREATION		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
4520-4529 Parks & Recreation		188,368	194,176	197,591	224,128	
4550-4559 Library		312,100	302,691	332,349	357,365	
4583 Patriotic Purposes		3,700	5,600	3,700	3,700	
4589 Other Culture & Recreation						
CONSERVATION		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
4611-4612 Administration & Purchases of Natural Resources		1,575	977	2,575	2,700	
4619 Other Conservation						
4631-2 REDEVELOPMENT & HOUSING						
4651-9 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT						
DEBT SERVICE		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
4711 Princ. - Long Term Bonds & Notes		72,000	69,672	107,000	106,540	
4712 Int-Long Term Bonds & Notes		56,540	54,879	60,792	49,367	
4723 Interest on TANs						
4790-4799 Other Debt Service						
CAPITAL OUTLAY		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
4901 Land & Improvements					540,000	
4902 Machinery, Vehicles & Equipment		314,000	314,000	116,750	24,000	
4903 Buildings		350,000	350,000	135,237	143,500	
4909 Improvements Other Than Buildings		98,500	96,848	140,725	1	

PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 31:4)	Warr. Art. No.	1996-97 Appropriations Prior Year Approved by DRA	1996-97 Actual Expenditures Prior Year	1997-98 Appropriations Prior Year as Approved by DRA	1998-99 Appropriations Ensuing F/Y (Recommended)	Appropriations Ensuing F/Y (Not Recommended)
OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
4912 To Special Revenue Fund		81,578		120,000		
4913 To Capital Projects Fund						
4914 To Enterprise Fund						
Sewer -						
Water -						
Electric -						
4915 To Capital Reserve Fund		81,125	81,125	81,125	69,125	
4916 To Expendable Trust Funds (except Health Maint. Trust Fund)						
4917 To Health Maintenance Trust Fund						
4918 To Nonexpendible Trust Funds						
4919 To Agency Funds/Deficit Approp				56,616	27,358	
SUBTOTAL 1		5,218,955		5,422,286	6,012,254	

Please note: "Individual" warrant articles are not necessarily the same as "special warrant articles", which are addressed below

PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 31:4)	Warr. Art. No.	1996-97 Appropriations Prior Year Approved by DRA	1996-97 Actual Expenditures Prior Year	1997-98 Appropriations Prior Year as Approved by DRA	1998-99 Appropriations Ensuing F/Y (Recommended)	Appropriations Ensuing F/Y (Not Recommended)
INDIVIDUAL WARRANT ARTICLES		58,000		12,001		
DPW Wage Adjustment	10	10,500		116,750	1	
Landfill Deficit	7	30,000		111,302	27,358	
Building Survey	11	314,000		5,935	4,000	
Salt Barn Construction	12	350,000		18,000	122,000	
Defibrillators	13			70,000	24,000	
Library Land Trust	14			58,000	40,000	
Fire Sprinkler Capital Reserve	15			224	7,500	
				500		
SUBTOTAL 2 Recommended		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	224,859	XXXXXXXXX

Special warrant articles as defined in RSA 32:3

PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 31:4)	Warr. Art. No.	1996-97 Appropriations Prior Year Approved by DRA	1996-97 Actual Expenditures Prior Year	1997-98 Appropriations Prior Year as Approved by DRA	1998-99 Appropriations Ensuing F/Y (Recommended)	Appropriations Ensuing F/Y (Not Recommended)
SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLES						
Bond for Land	6				500,000	
Telecommunications Consulting	16					5,000
Church Steeple Trust	17				10,000	
Amherst Land Trust	18					50,000
Fire Department Assistant	19					14,867
SUBTOTAL 3 Recommended					510,000	

SOURCES OF REVENUE	Warr. Art. No.	1996-97 Estimated Revenue Prior Year	Actual Revenue Prior Year	1997-98 Estimated Revenue Prior Year	ESTIMATED REVENUE For Ensuing Fiscal Year
TAXES		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
3120 Land Use Change Taxes		108,078	96,650	160,000	50,000
3180 Resident Taxes					
3185 Yield Taxes		7,500	12,974	20,000	15,000
3186 Payment in Lieu of Taxes			5,000	5,000	5,000
3189 Other Taxes					
3190 Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes		240,000	168,038	230,000	200,000
Inventory Penalties					
LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
3210 Business Licenses & Permits					
3220 Motor Vehicle Permit Fees		1,150,000	1,301,520	1,450,000	1,450,000
3230 Building Permits		52,000	105,193	125,000	135,000
3290 Other Licenses, Permits & Fees		36,000	44,725	40,000	48,000
3311-3319 FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT					
FROM STATE		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
3351 Shared Revenues		131,398	132,008	57,471	57,471
3352 Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution				103,223	103,223
3353 Highway Block Grant		187,928	191,740	210,522	221,335
3354 Water Pollution Grant					
3355 Housing & Community Development					
3336 State & Federal Forest Land Reimbursement			65	24	0
3357 Flood Control Reimbursement					
3359 Other (Including Railroad Tax)			1,900	1,700	1,700
3379 FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS					
CHARGES FOR SERVICES		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
3401-3406 Income from Departments		311,970	376,783	506,495	491,202
3409 Other Charges					
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
3501 Sale of Municipal Property		30,000	8,037	60,000	10,000
3502 Interest on Investments		200,000	202,119	240,000	235,000
3503-3509 Other					
INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
3912 Special Revenue Funds		0	0	85,000	0

SOURCES OF REVENUE	Warr. Art. No.	1996-97 Estimated Revenue Prior Year	Actual Revenue Prior Year	1997-98 Estimated Revenue Prior Year	ESTIMATED REVENUE For Ensuing Fiscal Year
3913 Capital Projects Fund					
3914 Enterprise Fund					
Sewer - (Offset)					
Water - (Offset)					
Electric - (Offset)					
3915 Capital Reserve Fund		291,000	302,397	109,991	106,000
3916 Trust & Agency Funds					
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
3934 Proc. from Long Term Bonds & Notes		350,000	350,000	0	500,000
Amounts Voted from "Surplus"		XXXXXXXXX		XXXXXXXXX	
"Surplus" Used in Prior Year to Reduce Taxes		XXXXXXXXX		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
TOTAL REVENUES		3,095,874	3,299,149	3,404,426	3,628,931

BUDGET SUMMARY	
Subtotal 1 Recommended (From Page 3)	5,277,395
Subtotal 2 "Individual" warrant articles (From Page 3)	224,859
Subtotal 3 Special warrant articles as defined by law (From Page 3)	510,000
TOTAL Appropriations Recommended	6,012,254
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues (Exclusive of Property Taxes) (From Above)	3,628,931
Amount of Taxes to be Raised	2,383,323

LINE ITEM OF APPROPRIATIONS FROM MORE THAN ONE WARRANT ARTICLE

	Acct. No.	W.A. No.	Amount
Land Bond	4901	6	500,000
Land Trust	4901	14	50,000
Building Survey	4903	11	4,000
Salt Barn	4903	12	122,000
Sprinkler Capital Reserve	4903	15	7,500
Church Steeple Trust	4903	17	10,000

DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION
1997 TAX RATE COMPUTATION

Town Portion

				Tax Rates
Appropriations	5,422,286.00			
Less: Revenues	(3,404,426.00)			
Less: Shared Revenues	(15,306.00)			
Add: Overlay	92,142.00			
War Service Credits	72,100.00			
Net Town Appropriation		2,166,796.00		
Approved Town Tax Effort			2,166,796.00	
Municipal Tax Rate				**3.33**

School Portion

Due to Local School	9,862,469.00			
Due to Regional School	6,698,974.00			
Less: Shared Revenues	(156,122.00)			
Net School Appropriation		16,405,321.00		
Approved School Tax Effort			16,405,321.00	
School Tax Rate				**25.21**

County Portion

Due to County	1,444,499.00			
Less: Shared Revenues	(8,643.00)			
Net County Appropriation		1,435,856.00		
Approved County Tax Effort			1,435,856.00	
County Tax Rate				**2.21**
Combined Tax Rate				**30.75**
Total Property Taxes Assessed			20,007,973.00	
Less: War Service Credits			(72,100.00)	
Add: Village District Commitment			0.00	
Total Property Tax Commitment			**19,935,873.00**	

Proof of Rate

Net Assessed Valuation	Tax Rate	Assessment
650,665,800	30.75	20,007,973

COMPARISON INVENTORY OF VALUATION FOR TAX COMPUTATION

	1994	1995	1996	1997
Net Land	218,706,690	217,695,600	221,269,400	226,312,100
Buildings	367,042,600	377,278,400	391,068,000	412,373,900
Utilities:				
Water	1,048,300	1,579,900	1,579,900	1,776,300
Gas	941,300	941,300	941,300	941,300
Electric	9,463,300	9,463,300	9,463,300	9,463,300
Telephone	2,587,400	2,587,400	2,587,400	-0-
Mobile Homes	1,447,300	1,695,600	1,677,300	1,435,200
Total Valuation Before Exemptions	**601,236,890**	**611,241,500**	**628,586,600**	**652,302,100**
Totally & Permanently Disabled	343,300	343,300	343,400	343,400
Elderly Exemptions	1,189,000	1,229,500	1,312,000	1,057,400
Blind	150,000	180,000	210,000	210,000
Solar	25,500	25,500	25,500	25,500
Total Valuation After Exemptions	**599,529,090**	**609,463,100**	**626,695,700**	**650,665,800**

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Property	Address	Assessment
Town Hall & Cemetery	2 Main Street	313,600
Library & Land	14 Main Street	718,800
Highway Dept. Land & Bldg.	22 Dodge Road	117,500
Police/Rescue/Fire Land		81,400
Police/Rescue Bldg.	175 Amherst Street	185,400
Central Fire Station	177 Amherst Street	482,100
South Fire Station	62 Stearns Road	100,300
Baboosic Lake Beach & Bldg.	25 Broadway	178,700
Baboosic Lake Land	20 Broadway	37,300
Baboosic Dump	92 Broadway	36,500
Jones Lot	37 Old Nashua Road	54,000
Meadowview Cemetery	Foundry Street	110,500
Tool House		4,800
Howard Cemetery Addition	End of Sunset Road	62,200
Chestnut Hill Cemetery	107 Chestnut Hill	44,400
Cricket Corner Cemetery	Boston Post & Corduroy Rds.	2,700
Potters Field	Ponemah Road	21,600
Souhegan Regional Landfill	260 Route 101	264,200
Thibodeau Land	468 Boston Post Road	400
Kurtick Land	Merrimack Road	100
Cemetery Field	69 Merrimack Road	11,600 c.u.
Winslow Pit	Old Nashua Road	14,400
Bragdon Farm	Route 101	18,900 c.u.
Bragdon Farm	Route 101	5,600 c.u.
Bragdon Farm	Bedford	6,311 c.u.
Peabody Mill Center	66 Brook Road	103,000
Peabody Mill Center	65 Brook Road	8,900

Town Parks	Address	Assessment
Village Tennis Courts & Land	5 Davis Lane	87,900
Village Fire Station Land	105 Boston Post Road	46,500
Sullivan Land	10 Oak Hill Drive	1,200
Courthouse Common	Courthouse Rd. & Middle St.	1,200
Pierce Common	Pierce Lane	15,900
Spalding Common	Amherst & Main Streets	69,300
Huntington Common	155 Amherst & Courthouse	58,300
Spalding Field	10 Davis Lane	80,300
School Street Park	Main & Middle Streets	67,200
Mack Hill Common	Mack Hill & Jones Roads	24,900

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Town Parks	Address	Assessment
Carriage Road Common	Carriage Road & Main St.	67,400
Main Street Common	Main Street	72,000
Boston Post Village Common	Boston Post Rd. & Main St.	16,200
Civil War Common	School & Middle Streets	16,600
Gault Land	34 West Street	7,600
Bowling Alley Land	16 Milford Road	100
Triangle at Broadway	36 Broadway	7,400

Tax Deeded Property	Acreage	Assessment
19 Broadway	0.14	7,700
1 Corduroy Road	1.00	34,500
35 Broadway	0.04	12,400
31 Greenwood Road	2.00	2,000
Route 101	0.70	100
4 Brookwood Drive	0.56	9,300
49 Baboosic Lake Road	2.88	40,900
32 West Street	0.19	13,800
Grater Road	13.51	119,600
Route 101 (Rear)	1.18	600
118 Christian Hill Road	6.00	44,000
27 Ravine Road	0.90	25,700
25 Ravine Road	0.90	25,700
69 Broadway	0.66	31,700
Route 101E	4.20	34,000
11 Old Nashua Road	5.50	160,500
24 Old Mont Vernon Road	17.91	5,700
6 Brimstone Hill	1.00	49,900
6 Nathaniel Drive	1.70	46,000
51 Baboosic Lake Road	2.00	34,000
2 Clark Avenue	0.94	25,800
Northfield Road	0.55	600
Northfield Road	0.23	200

Tax Deeded Land Managed by Conservation	Acreage	Assessment
Boston Post & Corduroy Rds.	2.50	1,200
Chestnut Hill Road (Rear)	16.00	59,000

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Tax Deeded Land Managed by Conservation	**Acreage**	**Assessment**
Lyndeborough Road (Rear)	5.40	1,400
1 & 3 Stearns Road	6.00	6,000
2 Fairway Drive	14.00	67,000
63 Old Manchester Road	17.50	68,400
17 Windsor Drive	0.77	34,000
19 Windsor Drive	0.70	33,800
21 Windsor Drive	0.80	34,100
Fairway Drive (Rear)	3.50	400
Lyndeborough Road	0.80	100

Conservation Land	**Acreage**	**Assessment**
Joe English Reservation Brook Road	373.00	371,400
Great Meadow 61 Boston Post Road	61.00	285,900
Ross Bird Sanctuary 35 Thornton Ferry I & Cobbler Ln.	21.00	57,700
Beaver Brook Park 7 Manchester Road	2.00	53,700
Caeser's Brook Reservation 15 Mont Vernon Road	40.00	72,200
Simeon Wilson-Near the River	10.00	115,200
B & M Railroad	18.00	4,200
Thornton Ferry II Road Rear	10.00	200
Thornton Ferry II Road Rear	2.50	900
46 Christian Hill Road	2.30	52,500
Baboosic Lake Road Rear	8.80	46,800
13 Middle Street	0.50	58,900
73 Broadway	2.30	36,300
7 Manhattan Park	2.00	74,400
55 Lyndeborough Road	10.00	7,900
Austin Road Rear	32.00	25,600
Nathaniel Drive Rear	60.00	60,000
Fairway Drive Rear	8.00	300
Lyndeborough Road Rear	68.00	115,100
52 Lyndeborough Road	8.00	56,000
23 Holly Hill Drive	1.69	35,800

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Conservation Land	Acreage	Assessment
12 Holly Hill Drive	1.50	35,500
21 Greenbriar Lane	1.50	41,800
75 Boston Post Road	1.40	51,900
14 Austin Road	128.00	113,000 c.u.
22 Old Mont Vernon Road	6.10	44,100
15 Old Coach Lane	0.80	45,400
3 Eaton Road	54.72	17,500 c.u.
2 & 4 Eaton Road	4.00	1,300 c.u.
36 Lyndeborough Road	2.24	48,200
Brook Road Rear	89.90	28,700 c.u.
62 Brook Road	30.10	9,600 c.u.
Pond Parish Road Rear	173.28	32,500
10 Green Road	17.38	4,900 c.u.
Horace Greeley Road	60.00	6,700 c.u.
5 Thornton Ferry II, 402 Boston Post	39.00	117,600
Dacquino Property	70.00	7,000 c.u.

School Property	Address	Assessment
Brick School	1 School Street	236,600
Middle School	14 Cross Road	4,250,300
Souhegan High School	412 Boston Post Road	12,436,900
Clark School	14 Foundry Street	895,200
Wilkins School	80 Boston Post Road	2,730,200
Simeon Wilson Road Fields	Simeon Wilson Road	65,700

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
JULY 1, 1996-JUNE 30, 1997

	1997	1996	1995
Uncollected Taxes			
Property Taxes		2,579,690.12	7,052.60
Yield Taxes		1,462.73	545.87
Taxes Committed			
Property Taxes	8,987,243.12	9,261,863.75	
Current Use	10,910.00	148,980.00	
Yield Taxes	12,974.28		
Overpayment			
Property Taxes	26.63	39,960.38	
Interest Collected on Delinquent Taxes	0.34	80,294.79	324.91
TOTAL DEBTS	9,011,154.37	12,112,251.77	7,923.38
Remitted to Treasurer			
Property Taxes	7,044,878.67	11,766,551.78	7,052.60
Current Use	10,910.00	141,767.65	
Yield Taxes	10,752.40	1,462.73	545.87
Interest	0.34	80,294.79	324.91
Abatements Allowed			
Property Taxes		114,962.47	
Current Use		7,200.00	
Uncollected Taxes End of Fiscal Year			
Property Taxes	1,942,391.08		
Current Use		12.35	
Yield Taxes	2,221.88		
TOTAL CREDITS	9,011,154.37	12,112,251.77	7,923.38

SUMMARY OF TAX LIEN ACCOUNTS

	1997	1996	1995
Unredeemed Liens		505,514.06	440,839.57
Liens Executed	398,202.52	7,392.16	
Interests & Costs	1,666.63	32,640.06	49,157.41
Refunds		42.86	
TOTAL DEBTS	399,869.15	545,589.14	489,996.98
Remittance			
Redemptions	60,504.82	234,859.22	160,585.78
Interests & Costs	1,666.63	32,640.06	49,157.41
Abatements of Unredeemed Taxes	4,661.43	122,162.01	202,710.42
Unredeemed Liens	333,036.27	155,927.85	77,543.37
TOTAL CREDITS	399,869.15	545,589.14	489,996.98

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK
FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1997

Automobile Registrations	1,302,812.00
Titles	4,314.00
Municipal Agent Fees	24,570.00
Dog Licenses	11,511.50
Vital Statistics	3,773.00
Dog Fines	1,708.00
Uniform Commercial Code Filings	5,653.45
Parking Fines	1,680.00
Miscellaneous Income	191.03
TOTAL FEES COLLECTED	1,356,212.98

SUMMARY OF THE TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT
JULY 1, 1996 TO MARCH 14, 1997

General Fund		
Opening Balance		2,852,468.79
Receipts:		
Selectmen	1,646,035.49	
Tax Collector	11,415,677.86	
Town Clerk	890,593.55	
		13,952,306.90
Bad Checks		-55,489.57
Bad Checks-Redeposited		55,621.66
Transfer In From Repurchase Agreement		
		16,543,814.71
Manifests Paid		-14,841,661.11
Payroll Manifests Paid		-1,342,943.89
Transfers to Repurchase Agreement		-17,021,838.43
		-16,662,628.72
Ending Balance March 14, 1997		**142,279.06**
Repurchase Agreement		
Beginning Balance July 1, 1996		2,751,671.29
Transfers In From Checking		17,021,838.43
Transfers Out to Checking		-16,543,814.71
Interest Income		177,905.58
Ending Balance March 14, 1997		**3,407,600.59**
Conservation Gift Account		
Opening Balance July 1, 1996		25,190.60
Interest Earned		452.36
Income		185.14
Expended		0.00
Balance March 14, 1997		25,828.10
Conservation Land Account		
Opening Balance July 1, 1996		24,991.25
Interest Earned		1,892.39
Income		81,125.00
Expended		0.00
Balance March 14, 1997		108,008.64

Recreation/Baboosic Account

Opening Balance July 1, 1996	792.33
Interest	14.22
Income	0.00
Expended	0.00
Balance March 14, 1997	806.55

Rescue/CPR

Opening Balance July 1, 1996	862.16
Interest	15.70
Income	30.00
Expended	0.00
Balance March 14, 1997	907.86

Town Band Account

Opening Balance July 1, 1996	3,221.65
Interest	81.03
Income	1,750.00
Expended	0.00
Balance March 14, 1997	5,052.68

Friel Family Golf Escrow

Opening Balance July 1, 1996	2,441.67
Interest	43.64
Balance March 14, 1997	2,485.31

LTL Realty Escrow

Opening Balance July 1, 1996	8,051.07
Interest	653.36
Expended - Account Closed 10/21/96	-8,704.43
Balance March 14, 1997	0.00

Quinn Brothers Escrow

Opening Balance July 1, 1996	792.25
Interest	14.16
Balance March 14, 1997	806.41

DARE of Amherst

Opening Balance July 1, 1996	1,596.77
Deposits	134.76
Interest	30.14
Expenses	0.00
Balance March 14, 1997	1,761.67

Amherst Escrow-Village Green

Opening Balance July 1, 1996	1,296.03
Deposits	0.00
Interest	23.16
Balance March 14, 1997	1,319.19

Indian Pond Escrow

Opening Balance July 1, 1996	8,033.76
Deposits	0.00
Interest	144.17
Balance March 14, 1997	8,177.93

Regency Homes Escrow

Opening Balance July 1, 1996	2,149.77
Deposits	0.00
Interest	34.13
Expended - Account Closed 2/20/97	-2,183.90
Balance March 14, 1997	0.00

VanLunen Escrow

Opening Balance July 1, 1996	6,833.48
Deposits	0.00
Interest	122.64
Balance March 14, 1997	6,956.12

Colonist Homes Escrow

Opening Balance July 1, 1996	56,114.17
Deposits	0.00
Interest	1,007.03
Balance March 14, 1997	57,121.20

Cameron Real Estate

Opening Balance July 1, 1996	0.00
Deposit 11/22/96	17,000.00
Interest	130.09
Balance March 14, 1997	17,130.09

Conifer Lane

Opening Balance July 1, 1996	0.00
Deposit 12/27/96	5,000.00
Interest	25.47
Balance March 14, 1997	5,025.47

SUMMARY OF THE TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT
MARCH 15, 1997 TO JUNE 30, 1997

General Fund		
Opening Balance		142,279.06
Receipts:		
Selectmen	2,680,582.20	
Tax Collector	7,735,767.50	
Town Clerk	463,619.45	
		8,467,969.15
Bad Checks		-14,922.16
Bad Checks-Redeposited		15,296.39
Transfer In From Repurchase Agreement		5,282,291.34
Manifests Paid		-5,224,307.10
Payroll Manifests Paid		-496,587.43
Transfers to Repurchase Agreement		-5,763,530.53
		-6,202,133.72
Ending Balance June 30, 1997		**2,408,488.72**
Repurchase Agreement		
Beginning Balance March 15, 1997		3,407,600.59
Transfers In From Checking		5,763,530.53
Transfers Out to Checking		-5,282,291.34
Interest Income		24,405.16
Ending Balance June 30, 1997		**3,913,244.94**
Conservation Gift Account		
Opening Balance March 15, 1997		25,828.10
Interest Earned		226.00
Income		0.00
Expended		0.00
Balance June 30, 1997		26,054.10
Conservation Land Account		
Opening Balance March 15, 1997		108,008.64
Interest Earned		1,000.07
Income		17,268.83
Expended		-5,366.05
Balance June 30, 1997		120,911.49

Recreation/Baboosic Account

Opening Balance March 15, 1997	806.55
Interest	7.05
Income	0.00
Expended	0.00
Balance June 30, 1997	813.60

Rescue/CPR

Opening Balance March 15, 1997	907.86
Interest	10.46
Income	60.00
Expended	0.00
Balance June 30, 1997	978.32

Town Band Account

Opening Balance March 15, 1997	5,052.68
Interest	45.25
Income	400.00
Expended	-1,303.80
Balance June 30, 1997	4,194.13

Friel Family Golf Escrow

Opening Balance March 15, 1997	2,485.31
Interest	21.57
Balance June 30, 1997	2,506.88

Quinn Brothers Escrow

Opening Balance March 15, 1997	806.41
Interest	7.00
Balance June 30, 1997	813.41

DARE of Amherst

Opening Balance March 15, 1997	1,761.67
Deposits	1,071.25
Interest	17.98
Expenses	-826.33
Balance June 30, 1997	2,024.57

Amherst Escrow-Village Green

Opening Balance March 15, 1997	1,319.19
Deposits	0.00
Interest	11.45
Balance June 30, 1997	1,330.64

Indian Pond Escrow

Opening Balance March 15, 1997	8,177.93
Deposits	0.00
Interest	70.96
Balance June 30, 1997	8,248.89

VanLunen Escrow

Opening Balance March 15, 1997	6,956.12
Deposits	0.00
Interest	60.86
Balance June 30, 1997	7,016.98

Colonist Homes Escrow

Opening Balance March 15, 1997	57,121.20
Deposits	0.00
Interest	495.64
Balance June 30, 1997	57,616.84

Cameron Real Estate

Opening Balance March 15, 1997	17,130.09
Interest	34.85
Expended - Acct. Closed 4/24/97	-17,164.94
Balance June 30, 1997	0.00

Conifer Lane

Opening Balance March 15, 1997	5,025.47
Interest	43.61
Balance June 30, 1997	5,069.08

INVESTMENT OF COMMON FUNDS TOWN OF AMHERST JUNE 30, 1997
MS-10 REPORT FOR STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

No. Shs	How Invested Description of Investment	Balance Beg. of Year	Purchases	Capital Gains	Proceeds From Sales	Gains/Losses From Sales	Balance End of Year	Income Received
Principal Investments:								
47000	US Treas. Notes 7.25% 11/15/96	46339.06	0.00	0.00	47000.00	660.94	0.00	1703.75
25000	US Treas. Notes 8.625% 8/15/97	24937.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	24937.50	2156.26
100000	US Treas. Secur 0.000% 8/15/97	55004.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	55004.00	0.00
100000	US Treas. Secur 0.000% 5/15/98	51295.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	51295.00	0.00
50000	US Treas. Notes 7.125% 10/15/98	51031.25	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	51031.25	3562.50
50000	US Treas. Secur 0.000% 2/15/00	36395.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	36395.00	0.00
300	Ameritech Corp.	0.00	16498.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	16498.50	339.00
200	Amoco	10422.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	10422.00	540.00
600	Automatic Data Processing	14698.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	14698.50	258.00
300	Bell Atlantic Corp.	0.00	18673.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	18673.50	654.00
1000	Bellsouth	13512.33	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	13512.33	1440.00
400	Bristol Myers Squibb	13499.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	13499.00	604.00
400	Carolina Power & Light Co.	11348.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	11348.00	740.00
312	Chase Manhattan Corp.	16086.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	16086.00	717.60
200	Chevron Corp.	3170.66	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3170.66	440.00
400	Dominion Resources Inc. VA	17198.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	17198.00	1032.00
600	Dupont (E.I.) Denemours & Co.	4214.32	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4214.32	702.00
400	Emerson Electric	12349.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	12349.00	422.00
	Englehard Corp.	10536.00	0.00	0.00	13165.43	2629.43	0.00	60.75
400	Exxon Corp.	0.00	17399.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	17399.00	480.00
800	General Electric Co.	5954.05	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5954.05	784.00
200	Hewlett Packard Co.	7399.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	7399.50	96.00
350	Ingersoll Rand Co.	14479.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	14479.50	287.00
250	Intel	15468.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	15468.75	50.00
400	Johnson & Johnson	9674.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	9674.50	316.00
400	Lilly Eli & Co.	11566.82	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	11566.82	562.00
600	Mellon Bank Corp.	10924.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	10924.00	738.00
	Mellon Bank Corp. Rights	0.00	0.00	0.00	2.00	2.00	0.00	
200	Morgan J.P. & Co., Inc.	12024.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	12024.00	676.00

INVESTMENT OF COMMON FUNDS TOWN OF AMHERST JUNE 30, 1997
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No. Shs	How Invested Description of Investment	Balance Beg. of Year	Purchases	Capital Gains	Proceeds From Sales	Gains/Losses From Sales	Balance End of Year	Income Received
Principal Investments:								
200	Motorola Inc.	6262.00	4899.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	11161.50	72.00
600	Procter & Gamble Co.	5408.20	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5408.20	1080.00
300	SBC Communications Inc.	0.00	14998.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	14998.50	392.25
400	Schering Plough Corp.	5462.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5462.00	274.00
100	Schlumberger Ltd.	5674.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5674.50	150.00
	US West Inc. Media Group	3505.38	0.00	0.00	3325.88	-179.50	0.00	0.00
200	US West Inc. Communications Group	5218.62	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5218.62	428.00
	Proceeds Class Action:Salomon Bros.	0.00	0.00	0.00	38.14	38.14	0.00	
	Federated Treasury Obligation	127168.09	0.00	0.00	7149.86	0.00	120018.23	5835.16
Total Principal Investments of Common Fund		**638225.53**	**72469.00**	**0.00**	**70681.31**	**3151.01**	**643164.23**	**27592.27**
Cemetery Lots:								
13000	US Treas. Notes 6.75% 2/28/97	12815.16	0.00	0.00	13000.00	184.84	0.00	877.50
13000	US Treas. Notes 6.25% 5/31/00	0.00	12995.94	0.00	0.00	0.00	12995.94	189.73
13000	US Treas. Notes 7.75% 12/31/99	13048.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	13048.75	1511.25
	Federated Treasury Obligation	1931.19	2884.06	0.00	0.00	0.00	4815.25	696.12
Sub-Totals		**27795.10**	**15880.00**	**0.00**	**13000.00**	**184.84**	**30859.94**	**3274.60**
Bertha Rogers Fund:								
40000	US Treas. Notes Strp 0% 2/15/99	30958.40	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	30958.40	0.00
140000	US Treas. Notes 6.375% 5/15/99	140086.88	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	140086.88	8925.00
14000	US Treas. Notes Strp 0% 2/15/01	8899.80	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	8899.80	0.00
40000	US Treas. Notes Strp 0% 2/15/02	25464.40	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	25464.40	0.00
40000	US Treas. Notes Strp 0% 2/15/04	22104.80	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	22104.80	0.00
	Federated Treasury Obligation	42.17	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	42.17	630.91
Sub-Totals		**227556.45**	**0.00**	**0.00**	**0.00**	**0.00**	**227556.45**	**9555.91**

INVESTMENT OF COMMON FUNDS TOWN OF AMHERST JUNE 30, 1997
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No. Shs	How Invested Description of Investment	Balance Beg. of Year	Purchases	Capital Gains	Proceeds From Sales	Gains/Losses From Sales	Balance End of Year	Income Received
Souhegan School Building Fund:								
97000	US Treas. Notes Strp 0% 5/15/99	80705.94	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	80705.94	0.00
	Fleet Money Market Deposit	695.53	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	695.53	194.04
Sub-Totals		**81401.47**	**0.00**	**0.00**	**0.00**	**0.00**	**81401.47**	**194.04**
Total Principal Investments		**974978.55**	**88349.00**	**0.00**	**83681.31**	**3335.85**	**982982.09**	**40616.82**
Common Income Investments:								
50000	US Treas. Notes Strp 0% 11/15/02	16456.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	16456.50	0.00
50000	US Treas. Notes Strp 0% 2/15/03	16090.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	16090.50	0.00
35000	US Treas. Notes Strp 0% 11/15/04	9639.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	9639.00	0.00
200	Bell Atlantic	7444.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	7444.00	580.00
100	Pacific Telesis	1831.92	0.00	0.00	3462.88	1630.96	0.00	31.50
200	SBC Communicatiaons	0.00	9999.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	9999.00	261.50
200	Southwestern Public Services	4129.58	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4129.58	440.00
	Federated Treasury Obligation	27073.45	0.00	0.00	9278.22	0.00	17795.23	1294.80
Sub-Totals		**82664.95**	**9999.00**	**0.00**	**12741.10**	**1630.96**	**81553.81**	**2607.80**
Cemetery Maintenance Trust Fund:								
25000	US Treas. Notes Strp 0% 5/15/98	12286.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	12286.75	0.00
50000	US Treas. Notes Strp 0% 8/15/00	20111.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	20111.00	0.00
	Federated Treasury Obligation	2428.72	123.80	0.00	0.00	0.00	2552.52	123.80
Sub-Totals		**34826.47**	**123.80**	**0.00**	**0.00**	**0.00**	**34950.27**	**123.80**
Cemetery Lots:								
	Federated Treasury Obligation	9724.41	3274.60	0.00	0.00	0.00	12999.01	0.00
Sub-Totals		**9724.41**	**3274.60**	**0.00**	**0.00**	**0.00**	**12999.01**	**0.00**
Bertha Rogers:								
	Federated Treasury Obligation	10270.48	8196.44	0.00	0.00	0.00	18466.92	0.00
Sub-Totals		**10270.48**	**8196.44**	**0.00**	**0.00**	**0.00**	**18466.92**	**0.00**

INVESTMENT OF COMMON FUNDS TOWN OF AMHERST JUNE 30, 1997
MS-10 REPORT FOR STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE - Continued

No. Shs	How Invested Description of Investment	Balance Beg. of Year	Purchases	Capital Gains	Proceeds From Sales	Gains/Losses From Sales	Balance End of Year	Income Received
Souhegan School Building Fund:								
	Federated Treasury Obligation	3392.28	178.63	0.00	0.00	0.00	3570.91	0.00
Sub-Totals		**3392.28**	**178.63**	**0.00**	**0.00**	**0.00**	**3570.91**	**0.00**
Total Income Investments		140878.59	21772.47	0.00	12741.10	1630.96	151540.92	2731.60
	Income-Capital Gains							1630.96
Total of Funds (Principal and Income)		**1115857.14**	**110121.47**	**0.00**	**96422.41**	**4966.81**	**1134523.01**	**44979.38**

Name of Bank: Fleet Bank-NH
Fees Paid: $6,213.14
Expenses Paid: $0.00
Were these fees & expenses paid for totally from income? Yes

TRUST FUNDS OF TOWN OF AMHERST ON JUNE 30, 1997
MS-9 REPORT FOR STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE - PRINCIPAL

Date of Creation	Name of Trust Fund	Purpose	How Invested	Balance Beg. of Year	New Funds Created	Gains or (Losses) Sale of Securities	Balance End of Year
	Common Trust Funds:						
1927	Emma L. Clark	Library	Com. Trust	2765.31	0.00	13.65	2778.96
1945	James Day	Library	Com. Trust	33082.94	0.00	163.34	33246.28
1923	Fannie Parsons French	Library	Com. Trust	5513.48	0.00	27.22	5540.70
1902	George W. George	Library	Com. Trust	2763.34	0.00	13.64	2776.98
1928	Edmund M. Parker	Library	Com. Trust	5513.48	0.00	27.22	5540.70
1957	Anna H. Boardman	Library	Com. Trust	9085.94	0.00	44.86	9130.80
1985	J. Carl Smith	Library	Com. Trust	260.38	0.00	1.29	261.67
1985	H. Spaulding	Library	Com. Trust	1006.98	0.00	4.97	1011.95
1985	Laura & James Wanless	Library	Com. Trust	1390.45	0.00	6.86	1397.31
1988	Herbert Boutelle	Library	Com. Trust	1303.82	0.00	6.44	1310.26
1942	David Fisk	Highway	Com. Trust	8271.10	0.00	40.84	8311.94
1867	Aaron Lawrence	School	Com. Trust	8271.10	0.00	40.84	8311.94
1867	Sarah L. Lawrence	School	Com. Trust	2763.33	0.00	13.64	2776.97
1894	Isaac Spalding	School	Com. Trust	48928.73	0.00	241.57	49170.30
1964	Bradford-Long-Miles-Sullivan Scholarship	School	Com. Trust	54835.06	1067.69	270.73	56173.48
1976	Edward A. Conti Memorial Scholarship	School	Com. Trust	37738.85	0.00	186.32	37925.17
Var.	Josephine Hare Memorial	School	Com. Trust	1844.43	0.00	9.11	1853.54
1996	Richard W. Merrill Scholarship	School	Com. Trust	100000.00	0.00	493.71	100493.71
1932	George W. Putnam	Cemetery	Com. Trust	5513.48	0.00	27.22	5540.70
1938	Alice M. Wilkins	Cemetery	Com. Trust	11025.76	0.00	54.44	11080.20
Var.	Other	Cemetery	Com. Trust	29697.00	0.00	146.62	29843.62
Var.	Perpetual Care	Cemetery	Com. Trust	266650.56	720.00	1316.48	268687.04
			Sub-Total	**638225.52**	**1787.69**	**3151.01**	**643164.22**
1987	Cemetery Lots	Maintenance	Money Mkt.	27795.10	2880.00	184.84	30859.94
1993	Bertha Rogers Fund		Money Mkt.	227556.45	0.00	0.00	227556.45
1994	Souhegan School Bldg. Fund		Money Mkt.	81401.47	0.00	0.00	81401.47
			Total	**974978.54**	**4667.69**	**3335.85**	**982982.08**

TRUST FUNDS OF TOWN OF AMHERST ON JUNE 30, 1997

MS-9 REPORT FOR STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE - INCOME

Date of Creation	Name of Trust Fund	Balance Beg. of Year	Income During Year Amount	Expenses During Year	Expended During Year	Balance End of Year
	Common Trust Funds:					
1927	Emma L. Clark	198.06	138.45	-20.96	0.00	315.55
1945	James Day	2369.50	1656.40	-250.80	0.00	3775.10
1923	Fannie Parsons French	394.89	276.05	-41.80	0.00	629.14
1902	George W. George	197.92	138.36	-20.95	0.00	315.33
1928	Edmund M. Parker	394.89	276.05	-41.80	0.00	629.14
1957	Anna H. Boardman	650.76	454.92	-68.88	0.00	1036.80
1985	J. Carl Smith	18.65	13.04	-1.97	0.00	29.72
1085	H. Spaulding	72.12	50.42	-7.63	0.00	114.91
1985	Laura & James Wanless	99.59	69.62	-10.54	0.00	158.67
1988	Herbert Boutelle	93.39	65.28	-9.88	0.00	148.79
1942	David E. Fisk	2303.41	414.12	-62.70	0.00	2654.83
1867	Aaron Lawrence	2303.41	414.12	-62.70	0.00	2654.83
1867	Sarah L. Lawrence	769.57	138.36	-20.95	-769.57	117.41
1894	Isaac Spaulding	13626.15	2449.78	-370.92	0.00	15705.01
1964	Bradford-Long-Miles-Sullivan Scholarship	5223.88	2745.50	-415.69	-3567.69	3986.00
1976	Edward A. Conti Memorial Scholarship	8685.05	1889.52	-286.09	-2000.00	8288.48
Var.	Josephine Hare Memorial	513.65	92.35	-13.98	-513.65	78.37
1996	Richard W. Merrill Scholarship	0.00	5006.82	-758.08	0.00	4248.74
1932	George W. Putnam	7440.70	276.05	-41.80	0.00	7674.95
1938	Alice M. Wilkins	14717.02	552.04	-83.58	0.00	15185.48
Var.	Other	39616.62	1486.88	-225.13	0.00	40878.37
Var.	Perpetual Care	17802.19	13350.70	-2021.43	-21253.00	7878.46
	Sub-Total	**117491.42**	**31954.83**	**-4838.26**	**-28103.91**	**116504.08**
1987	Cemetery Lots	9724.41	3274.60	0.00	0.00	12999.01
1993	Bertha Rogers Fund	10270.48	9555.91	-1359.47	0.00	18466.92
1994	Souhegan School Bldg. Fund	3392.28	194.04	-15.41	0.00	3570.91
	Total	**140878.59**	**44979.38**	**-6213.14**	**-28103.91**	**151540.92**

CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS
FROM JULY 1, 1996 THROUGH JUNE 30, 1997

Name of Fund	Beginning Balance	Funds Added	Income YTD	Funds Expended	Ending Balance
Fire Truck Fund	62,402.59	0.00	0.00	62,402.59	0.00
Highway Equipment Fund	25,309.33	16,125.00	1,910.48	0.00	43,344.81
Highway Vehicle Fund	75,851.66	20,000.00	4,419.58	0.00	100,271.24
Grader Fund	105,945.80	0.00	4,885.00	0.00	110,830.80
Rescue Squad Fund	35,799.89	20,000.00	2,572.85	0.00	58,372.74
Cemetery Fund	21,225.70	0.00	978.69	0.00	22,204.39
Bridge Fund	80,084.04	0.00	0.00	80,084.04	0.00
Zoning Vehicle Fund	1,709.74	0.00	78.83	0.00	1,788.57
Recreation Fund	1,291.10	0.00	59.53	0.00	1,350.63
Ladder Truck Fund	159,910.14	0.00	0.00	159,910.14	0.00
Ambulance Fund	43,173.42	0.00	1,990.66	0.00	45,164.08
Salt Barn Fund	52,466.57	25,000.00	3,571.87	0.00	81,038.44
Totals	665,169.98	81,125.00	20,467.49	302,396.77	464,365.70

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

It was, in all, a good year. Much was accomplished, and new needs were identified. There were no true emergencies requiring large or unexpected expenditures.

Completed Projects

The Conservation Commission proposed that two properties be purchased, and the purchases were approved by the Board. The first property is the Bacon property at the end of Brook Road, immediately adjacent to Joe English. The property consists of 7.6 acres, and includes the house and several small outbuildings. We have renamed the property "Peabody Mill Center".

The second property purchased by the Conservation Commission is a 70 acre portion of the property owned by David & Mary Dacquino, known as Jonny Cake Farm. The Dacquino's are leaving Town and have divided their land, after which they very kindly offered a portion of it to the Town at a price considerably below its value.

An effort to establish Charter Commissions under RSA 49-B:3, to consider various means of voting for budgets for Souhegan School and the Town was voted on and failed to pass.

Two projects modifying Town roads were completed during the summer. Both had been under discussion for several years. The hump on the east side of the Merrimack Road/Route 122 intersection was leveled, and Merrimack Road at that location was widened. This project was accomplished without State assistance.

A complete re-design of the intersection of Boston Post Road and Main Street in the center of the village was constructed. Additional landscaped areas were added on all sides of the intersection, and an island isolating the roads from the parking area across from the Village Green market was installed. The result is that the intersection has been greatly tightened, and the amount of green space increased.

A Committee was formed to consider means to improve the services of the Ambulance/Rescue Squad. Their recommendations were received at the beginning of February, and will be considered by the Selectmen.

A water line was extended from in front of the Police Station to the Fire Station. This provides potable water to the Station, allows for filling the trucks, and may

eventually be used to sprinkler the equipment bay. Work was performed by three members of the Fire Department at no charge, except for materials.

A contract with the Union representing the Police was negotiated and approved.

Unfinished Business

There is always some unfinished business occupying the Town. This coming year, however, a major concern of the citizens will be considered and hopefully concluded. Almost every citizen is unhappy with the size, appearance and location of towers which have been proposed to support antennas to provide cellular phone service. Requests for such towers have been submitted and the necessary special exceptions and variances have been rejected by the Zoning Board of Adjustment. The matter is now in litigation.

In March, the Town will again be asked to decide if they wish to continue with the present form of Town Meeting or vote for financial matters, including the budget, by Ballot Vote at the polls.

Faced with the requirement to up-date the Master Plan, the Planning Board formed a Steering Committee, who, with the aid of the University of New Hampshire Extension Service, conducted an evening and a day-long meeting to determine the present and desired profiles of the Town. Update of the Master Plan will continue this coming year.

The employees of the Department of Public Works voted to form a union. Negotiations between the Town and the Union are underway and hopefully will be concluded in time for consideration at Town Meeting.

The Selectmen wish to thank all of the employees of the Town for the loyalty and dedication they have exhibited in providing outstanding service to the town and its citizens. In addition, the volunteers who staff our Commissions and Committees work long hours at no pay. They deserve the thanks of all Town citizens.

Richard Sherwood
Chairman

WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE REPORT

The Amherst Ways & Means Committee, after a careful review of all budgetary facts and issues, is pleased to express our belief that the Board of Selectmen and the Amherst School Board have acted in a fiscally prudent and financially responsible manner in the development of their respective budgets. In our capacity as an appointed financial oversight committee, we have rigorously scrutinized and vigorously debated the merits of nearly every line item contained within these budgets. With that in mind, we urge the voters of Amherst to accept passage of both the Town and School budgets.

The community of Amherst faces some tough and important decisions in the years to come. Increased population, changing demographics, and rising costs have contributed to an acceleration in the tax rate. In addition, these factors have added considerable pressure on the ability of our Town to maintain the quality of life that we, as citizens, have come to expect. The residents of Amherst have always demanded the best, yet we must realize that having the best is not without cost. At some point in the not too distant future we, as a community, will be faced with the unenviable task of drawing the line between what we demand and what we, as taxpayers, can afford to pay.

The Ways & Means Committee encourages the active participation of all Amherst voters in the budget process. To that end, we recommend your presence at the various budget and bond hearings, the School District deliberative session, and the annual Town Meeting. We look forward to presenting our recommendations at these forums, and we hope that our opinions will help the citizens of Amherst to make informed and reasonable decisions.

LONG TERM NOTE
ANNUAL REPORT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE
BRAGDON FARM PURCHASE - $235,000

Period	Coupon Rate	Principal	Interest	Debt Service	Date Paid
7/96	5.25	3,447.67	1,014.04	4,461.71	7/27/96
8/96		60,538.29		60,538.29	8/15/96
8/96	5.25	3,828.91	632.80	4,461.71	8/15/96
10/96	5.25	3,259.35	1,202.36	4,461.71	10/4/96
10/96	5.25	3,848.67	613.04	4,461.71	10/30/96
11/96	5.25	3,770.97	690.74	4,461.71	11/29/96
1/97	5.25	3,584.90	876.81	4,461.71	1/7/97
1/97	5.25	3,978.44	483.27	4,461.71	1/29/97
2/97		34,000.00		34,000.00	2/18/97
2/97		1,000.00		1,000.00	2/26/97
2/97	5.25	3,965.50	496.21	4,461.71	2/26/97
3/97	5.25	4,003.80	457.91	4,461.71	3/27/97
4/97	5.25	3,990.08	471.63	4,461.71	4/27/97
5/97	5.25	4,022.51	439.20	4,461.71	5/27/97
6/97	5.25	4,025.80	435.91	4,461.71	6/27/97
7/97	5.25	4,057.24	404.47	4,461.71	
Adj.		-17,126.03		-17,126.03	
8/97	5.25	2,667.53	476.23	3,143.76	
9/97	5.25	2,058.44	464.33	2,522.77	
10/97	5.25	2,082.30	440.47	2,522.77	
11/97	5.25	2,076.90	445.87	2,522.77	
12/97	5.25	2,100.24	422.53	2,522.77	
1/98	5.25	2,095.52	427.25	2,522.77	
2/98	5.25	2,104.87	417.90	2,522.77	
3/98	5.25	2,153.79	368.98	2,522.77	
4/98	5.25	2,123.86	398.91	2,522.77	
5/98	5.25	2,145.89	376.88	2,522.77	
6/97	5.25	2,142.90	379.87	2,522.77	
7/98	5.25	2,164.40	358.37	2,522.77	
8/98	5.25	2,162.10	360.67	2,522.77	
9/98	5.25	2,171.74	351.03	2,522.77	
10/98	5.25	2,192.44	330.33	2,522.77	
11/98	5.25	2,191.20	331.57	2,522.77	
12/98	5.25	2,211.35	311.42	2,522.77	
1/99	5.25	2,210.83	311.94	2,522.77	
2/99	5.25	2,220.69	302.08	2,522.77	
3/99	5.25	2,258.87	263.90	2,522.77	
4/99	5.25	2,240.66	282.11	2,522.77	
5/99	5.25	2,259.43	263.34	2,522.77	
6/99	5.25	2,260.73	262.04	2,522.77	
7/99	5.25	2,278.94	243.83	2,522.77	

LONG TERM NOTE
ANNUAL REPORT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE
BRAGDON FARM PURCHASE - $235,000

Period	Coupon Rate	Principal	Interest	Debt Service	Date Paid
8/99	5.25	2,280.97	241.80	2,522.77	
9/99	5.25	2,291.14	231.63	2,522.77	
10/99	5.25	2,308.50	214.27	2,522.77	
11/99	5.25	2,311.65	211.12	2,522.77	
12/99	5.25	2,328.44	194.33	2,522.77	
1/00	5.25	2,332.34	190.43	2,522.77	
2/00	5.25	2,342.74	180.03	2,522.77	
3/00	5.25	2,364.13	158.64	2,522.77	
4/00	5.25	2,363.73	159.04	2,522.77	
5/00	5.25	2,379.06	143.71	2,522.77	
6/00	5.25	2,384.88	137.89	2,522.77	
7/00	5.25	2,399.61	123.16	2,522.77	
8/00	5.25	2,406.21	116.56	2,522.77	
9/00	5.25	2,416.94	105.83	2,522.77	
10/00	5.25	2,430.78	91.99	2,522.77	
11/00	5.25	2,438.55	84.22	2,522.77	
12/00	5.25	2,451.79	70.98	2,522.77	
1/01	5.25	2,460.36	62.41	2,522.77	
2/01	5.25	2,471.33	51.44	2,522.77	
3/01	5.25	2,486.26	36.51	2,522.77	
4/01	5.25	2,493.44	29.33	2,522.77	
5/01	5.25	2,505.14	17.63	2,522.77	
6/01	5.25	1,580.31	6.82	1,587.13	

TREASURER'S COUPON & NOTE REGISTER
ANNUAL REPORT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMISTRATION
LIBRARY BOND

Period Ending	Coupon Rate	Principal	Interest	Total Debt Service	Date Paid
2/15/87	8.000	45000.00	45778.53	90778.53	2/13/87
8/15/87	8.000		34183.12	34183.12	8/13/87
2/15/88	8.000	45000.00	34183.12	79183.12	2/13/88
8/15/88	8.000		32383.12	32383.12	8/13/88
2/15/89	8.000	45000.00	32383.12	77383.12	2/13/89
8/15/89	8.000		30583.12	30583.12	8/13/89
2/15/90	8.000	45000.00	30583.12	75583.12	2/13/90
8/15/90	8.000		28783.12	28783.12	8/13/90
2/15/91	8.000	45000.00	28783.12	73783.12	2/13/91
8/15/91	8.000		26983.12	26983.12	8/13/91
2/15/92	8.000	45000.00	26983.12	71983.12	2/13/92
8/15/92	8.000		25183.12	25183.12	8/13/92
2/15/93	8.000	45000.00	25183.12	70183.12	2/13/93
8/15/93	8.000		23383.12	23383.12	8/13/93
2/15/94	8.000	45000.00	23383.12	68383.12	2/13/94
8/15/94	8.000		21583.12	21583.12	8/13/94
2/15/95	8.000	45000.00	21583.12	66583.12	2/13/95
8/15/95	8.000		19783.12	19783.12	8/13/95
2/15/96	8.000	45000.00	19783.12	64783.12	2/13/96
8/15/96	8.000		17983.12	17983.12	8/13/96
2/15/97	7.950	45000.00	17983.12	62983.12	2/13/97
8/15/97	7.950		16194.37	16194.37	8/13/97
2/15/98	7.750	45000.00	16194.37	61194.37	
8/15/98	7.750		14450.62	14450.62	
2/15/99	7.800	45000.00	14450.62	59450.62	
8/15/99	7.800		12695.62	12695.62	
2/15/00	7.900	45000.00	12695.62	57695.62	
8/15/00	7.900		10918.12	10918.12	
2/15/01	8.000	45000.00	10918.12	55918.12	
8/15/01	8.000		9118.12	9118.12	
2/15/02	8.050	45000.00	9118.12	54118.12	
8/15/02	8.050		7306.87	7306.87	
2/15/03	8.100	45000.00	7306.87	52306.87	
8/15/03	8.100		5484.37	5484.37	
2/15/04	8.125	45000.00	5484.37	50484.37	
8/15/04	8.125		3656.25	3656.25	
2/15/05	8.125	45000.00	3656.25	48656.25	
8/15/05	8.125		1828.12	1828.12	
2/15/06	8.125	45000.00	1828.12	46828.12	
Total		**900000.00**	**730745.85**	**1630745.85**	

TREASURER'S COUPON & NOTE REGISTER
ANNUAL REPORT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION
POLICE/RESCUE FACILITY BOND

Period Ending	Coupon Rate	Principal	Interest	Total Debt Service	Date Paid
2/15/97			11703.13	11703.13	1/8/97
8/15/97	5.625	35000.00	9843.75	44843.75	
2/15/98			8859.38	8859.38	
8/15/98	5.625	35000.00	8859.38	43859.38	
2/15/99			7875.00	7875.00	
8/15/99	5.625	35000.00	7875.00	42875.00	
2/15/00			6890.63	6890.63	
8/15/00	5.625	35000.00	6890.63	41890.63	
2/15/01			5906.25	5906.25	
8/15/01	5.625	35000.00	5906.25	40906.25	
2/15/02			4921.88	4921.88	
8/15/02	5.625	35000.00	4921.88	39921.88	
2/15/03			3937.50	3937.50	
8/15/03	5.625	35000.00	3937.50	38937.50	
2/15/04			2953.13	2953.13	
8/15/04	5.625	35000.00	2953.13	37953.13	
2/15/05			1968.75	1968.75	
8/15/05	5.625	35000.00	1968.75	36968.75	
2/15/06			984.38	984.38	
8/15/06	5.625	35000.00	984.38	35984.38	
Total		**350000.00**	**110140.68**	**460140.68**	

AMHERST TOWN LIBRARY
REPORT OF RECEIPTS & EXPENDITURES
FOR THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30, 1997

	Town Budget Account	Copy Machine Account	Fines Account	Gift Account	Rosalie Norris Account	Technology Account	Total
BALANCE: JUNE 30, 1996							
First NH Bank		3,358.70	2,749.93	14,325.02	2,122.14	1,008.82	23,564.61
Granite Bank C.D.				13,420.98	30,000.00		43,420.98
Milford Co-Op Bank C.D.				19,974.75			19,974.75
Primary Bank C.D.				7,500.00			7,500.00
First NH Bank C.D.				25,000.00			25,000.00
TOTAL BALANCE:		**3,358.70**	**2,749.93**	**80,220.75**	**32,122.14**	**1,008.82**	**119,460.34**
RECEIVED: (7/1/96-6/30/97)							
Town Appropriation	312,100.00						312,100.00
Current Gifts				7,311.70			7,311.70
Library Fees			1,350.00				1,350.00
Interest & Dividends		40.75	107.44	3,039.00	1,455.28	9.45	4,651.92
Fines Assessed			12,711.45				12,711.45
Copy Machine Fees		4,220.14					4,220.14
TOTAL RECEIVED:	**312,100.00**	**4,260.89**	**14,168.89**	**10,350.70**	**1,455.28**	**9.45**	**342,345.21**
TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE:	**312,100.00**	**7,619.59**	**16,918.82**	**90,571.46**	**33,577.42**	**1,018.27**	**461,805.55**
EXPENDITURES:							
Salaries & Wages	239,488.48						239,488.48
Bookkeeper	1,769.00						1,769.00
Custodian	10,389.29						10,389.29
Books	31,622.59		8,960.39	2,678.66	1,674.04		44,935.68
Audio Visuals	1,694.01	1,259.94	1,174.97	2,398.10			6,527.02
Magazines & Fiche	3,641.11			89.00			3,730.11
CD ROM/ONLINE INFO	4,119.20		250.00	3,234.98			7,604.18
Telephone	3,263.21						3,263.21
Building & Grounds	1,644.73			323.00			1,967.73
Service	837.00	1,093.00		1,645.00		943.00	4,518.00

AMHERST TOWN LIBRARY
REPORT OF RECEIPTS & EXPENDITURES
FOR THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30, 1996

	Town Budget Account	Copy Machine Account	Fines Account	Gift Account	Rosalie Norris Account	Technology Account	Total
EXPENDITURES: (Cont'd)							
Dues	260.00			280.00			540.00
Travel & Meetings	746.93						746.93
Education	703.00						703.00
Supplies & Postage	3,716.99	1,406.03		78.95			5,201.97
Bindery	304.90						304.90
Computer	5,928.91			4,000.00			9,928.91
Cooperative Services	150.00						150.00
Programming	180.76			643.98			824.74
Contingency	0.00			354.00			354.00
Capital Improvement	1,000.00			12,446.44			13,446.44
TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	**311,460.01**	**3,758.97**	**10,385.36**	**28,172.11**	**1,674.04**	**943.00**	**356,393.49**
BALANCE, JUNE 30, 1997							
Citizens Bank		3,860.62	6,533.46	5,310.91	1,903.38	75.27	17,683.64
Granite Bank C.D.				33,420.98	30,000.00		63,420.98
CFX Bank C.D.				16,167.45			16,167.45
Primary Bank C.D.				7,500.00			7,500.00
TOTAL BALANCE:	**0.00**	**3,860.62**	**6,533.46**	**62,399.34**	**31,903.38**	**75.27**	**104,772.07**

CHUCK BACON CONSERVATION GIFT FUND
For Year Ending June 30, 1997

BALANCE:	7/1/96	2,736.46
RECEIPTS		
(Interest)	7/1/96-6/30/97	66.98
EXPENDITURES:	7/1/96-6/30/97	63.99
BALANCE:	**6/30/97**	**2,739.45**

AMHERST TOWN LIBRARY LIBRARIAN'S REPORT
STATISTICS FOR FY 1996-1997

- **CIRCULATION**

Adult Fiction	29,284
Adult Nonfiction	24,467
Young Adult Fiction	4,139
Juvenile Books	51,175
Magazines	7,384
Puzzles & Games	720
Audio Recordings	10,227
Video Recordings	11,915
Equipment	3
Pamphlets	222
ILL (Items borrowed from other libraries)	960
TOTAL	**140,496**

- **PATRONS REGISTERED** 9,577
- **AVERAGE WEEKLY ATTENDANCE (No. Patrons)** 2,200

- **REFERENCE SERVICES**

Reference Questions Answered By Staff	10,400
Electronic Searches Performed by Patrons	4,624
Staff Searches of Online Databases	366
Internet Sessions by Patrons	1,519

- **RESOURCES AVAILABLE**

BOOKS	ADULT	JUVENILE	TOTAL
Volumes Owned 6/30/97	38,432	17,512	55,944
Volumes Owned 7/96-6/97	1,897	850	2,747
Volumes Discarded 7/96-6/97	265	158	423
Recordings-Audio			1,383
Recordings-Video			988
Magazine Subscriptions			147
Newspapers:			
Sunday Papers			5
Weeklies			5
Dailies			7
Film Strips			36
Online Subscriptions:			
DIALOG Corporation Databases			
OCLC First Search Databases			
Information Access Searchbank			
Internet			

- **RESOURCES AVAILABLE (Continued)**

  Cooperative Memberships:
  GMILCS, Inc.
  Hillstown Library Cooperative

- **PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES**

Preschool Storytime Sessions	170
Toddler Programs	6
Programs for School-Age Children	28
Visits of School Groups to Library	50
Librarian Visits to Schools	32
Summer Reading Program - 219 Children Enrolled Read 3,499 Books	
Young Adult Programs	
35 Participants in YA Summer Reading Program	
Adult Programs	6
Museum Visits (1/1/97-12/31/97)	233
Displays and Exhibits	26

WELFARE OFFICER'S REPORT

The Town of Amherst has been very fortunate that general assistance remains at a very manageable level. Rent and utility payments continue to highlight the welfare budget.

In 1992, the Selectmen adopted the Welfare Offset - Landlord Delinquent Municipal Payment Law. This allows the Welfare Officer to issue rental payments to the Town Tax Collector if the landlord is in arrears of paying his/her real estate taxes. This process is used on a regular basis when taxes are delinquent more than thirty days.

Once again, the Welfare Office has been the recipient of a discretionary grant from the Junior Women's Club. Funds from this grant are used for items and services which are outside the realm of the Welfare Officer's guidelines. People from 5 to 85 have been assisted by these funds. I can't thank the members enough for their hard work in fundraising that allowed this Office to receive the $500 grant.

Thanks should also be given to Mrs. Darlene Smith's Middle School Class who adopted a family for Christmas. It was a wonderful experience to be part of these young folks gift of giving during this special time of year. The family was overwhelmed by what they received and were extremely grateful to the class for their thoughtfulness.

TRUSTEES REPORT FOR THE AMHERST TOWN LIBRARY

It has been another year of exceptional growth in both traditional and electronic services. There was an increase of 9% in circulation of library materials while we have improved or added new electronic services. Our electronic card catalog is now available on the Internet World Wide Web as are two online information search databases. You can link to these services through the Library's home page on the Internet at www.amherst.lib.nh.us and send requests using electronic mail at "library@amherst.nh.us". If you would like to learn how to access information on the Internet from your home or the Library, you can join the over 200 other patrons who have taken one of our training classes.

With a new reciprocal lending agreement, you can use your library card to borrow from several surrounding libraries. If you want to go to a museum, the Library now has a pass for the Christa McAuliffe Planetarium courtesy of the Amherst Newcomers in addition to passes for the Museum of Fine Arts and the Museum of Science in Boston. In the children's Library, we now have CD-ROM based programs for young patrons to borrow and a mural of "Our Constellations" painted by Edith Aucoin and funded by the Friends of Library.

The Library, of course, is more than books, periodicals, CD-ROMs, and Internet access. This past year we have been excited by the popularity of the programs offered by the Library which included:

- Children's Summer Reading Program: "Take Me to Your Reader"
- Celebrate Trees (Arbor Day)
- Scottish May Day
- Family Folk Night with Singer Jody Gaffney
- Planetarium Trip, Space Stories
- Young Adults Pizza Party and Auction
- Anna Boardman Concert with Natalie Brown
- McDowell Colony Program
- Anasazi Art
- Poetry Slam
- An Evening with Richard Lederer

The Trustees want to acknowledge some of the donations especially from the Friends of Library, The Amherst Juniors, Amherst Lions Club, the Amherst Gardeners and contributions to the A. Thompson Warner Fund for mystery books. We also want to commend the librarians and staff for providing us with an outstanding community resource.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT

The equalization rates for the past ten years are as follows:

1988 - 55%	1992 - 69%	1996 - 96%
1989 - 56%	1993 - 73%	1997 - Pending
1990 - 63%	1994 - 100%	
1991 - 67%	1995 - 98%	

The number of building permits continue to rise, but new construction has dropped by 25% in number. The new homes, however, are larger. Existing homes continue to sell well. We have picked up over forty million dollars in new construction, additions, and renovations during the past two years.

Our equalization rates during the periods of 1989 through 1993 continued to rise. This resulted because of the drop in real estate values during this period. From 1994 through 1997, we are starting to see an upswing in values as our equalization rates are now dropping. As a result, we will be monitoring the need of an update in our assessments and will keep you informed. We have some adjustments that need to be made in our cost schedule in order to have a more equitable pricing schedule and to provide equity within neighborhoods and for different classes of property.

POPULATION AS COMPILED BY THE TOWN'S CENSUS

1960 2,051	1970 4,893	1980 9,476	1990 10,441
1961 2,182	1971 5,397	1981 9,395	1991 10,481
1962 2,240	1972 5,978	1982 9,051	1992 10,532
1963 2,350	1973 6,632	1983 9,579	1993 10,600
1964 2,625	1974 7,009	1984 9,746	1994 10,829
1965 2,761	1975 7,055	1985 10,131	1995 11,090
1966 3,064	1976 7,690	1986 10,149	1996 11,200
1967 3,377	1977 8,400	1987 10,171	1997 11,652
1968 3,799	1978 8,877	1988 10,029	
1969 4,397	1979 9,220	1989 10,141	

AMHERST POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Amherst Police Department exists to serve the citizens of Amherst, and in partnership with the citizens, to enrich the quality of life in Amherst. The most obvious effect the Department has on the community is the safety of the people. The Department prides itself on maintaining a highly visible, active patrol force which discourages crime and encourages careful driving. In addition, solid relationships exist with the schools in Town, both to assist in providing safety education to children and to enforce laws dealing with drugs and violence. Beyond the obvious, the members of the Department are committed to providing service to the public, and working to solve problems that arise within families. This approach to law enforcement is referred to today as *community policing*, however this philosophy has been embodied in the Amherst Police Department since the 1970's.

In reviewing statistics for 1997, it is clear that a growing population and a healthy economy have played a part in the year being the busiest in Department history. Calls for service increased by 4.5 percent, while crime also increased for the second year. On a positive note, the number of burglaries remained low, actually decreasing by eleven percent. Contrasting the positive, the number of assaults, primarily simple assaults within families or among juveniles, rose dramatically. Adult arrest numbers dropped, but this decrease was more than offset by an increase in the number of juveniles detained. Although the number of motor vehicle accidents declined, the severity was substantially worse when measured by the number of injuries and deaths. A statistic which may relate to the accident rate is the number of motor vehicle stops initiated by the Department. That number dropped for the first time in several years, as a result of increasing calls for service which occupy officers' time.

To address the increasing workload, the Department requested two grants from the United States Department of Justice. The first was a request for funds to improve technology by linking laptop computers in the police cruisers with local, state and national computer bases. This was justified to the federal government by describing the proposed man hour savings by use of this technology, which allows officers to remain on patrol while accessing information vital to their jobs. The second request to the federal government was for funds to assist in hiring an additional patrol officer. The Department recently was notified that it was approved for $75,000 to fund an officer for three years. Together, these two grants will significantly improve patrol coverage in the Town, while minimally impacting the local tax rate. This improved coverage should be of great assistance in maintaining the quality of life within the Town.

The Department would like to thank the townspeople for their continued support. In a year which saw great tragedy within the law enforcement family of

New Hampshire, it was gratifying that so many people in Amherst expressed their appreciation for the work the Department does. The Department will continue to strive to provide the best possible service at the least possible cost. As always, we invite your comments and suggestions as to how we may better serve the community.

Summary of Police Activity

	1994	1995	1996	1997
Miles of Patrol	211,241	219,285	218,925	216,331
Accidents	248	252	310	282
Injuries	77	70	79	100
Fatalities	0	1	1	3
Arrests	519	688	619	629
Adult	378	580	543	501
Juvenile	141	108	76	128
Arson	6	3	5	5
Assaults	65	58	59	94
Burglary	39	25	43	38
Criminal Mischief	179	129	163	163
Criminal Threatening	11	8	11	13
Criminal Trespass	20	22	36	19
Fraud/Forgery	160	154	239	236
Stolen Motor Vehicle	9	9	10	13
Thefts	186	204	201	217
Alarms	729	652	694	760
Assist Motorists	406	405	404	388
Disturbances	171	133	172	225
Dog Complaint	424	373	391	325
Missing Persons	43	38	51	56
M.V. Complaints	305	272	286	426
Open Doors	310	241	303	274
Pistol Permits	152	111	55	33
Untimely Death	6	5	1	3
Summons/Warning	13,437	14,653	14,814	13,348
Total Crimes	780	769	963	971
Total Reports	7,562	7,435	7,732	8,081

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

The objective of the Amherst Fire Department is to protect/preserve individuals and property from and during such fires as may occur in the Town of Amherst and vicinity. The Amherst Fire Department's activities, however, are not limited to extinguishing fires. The AFD also deals with carbon monoxide, hazardous materials, oil spills, vehicle accidents and suspicious odor situations, just to name a few.

The Amherst Fire Department is managed by the three Fire Wards. The AFD is made up of approximately 50 paid on-call members, which operate nine pieces of apparatus housed at both Central Station (Amherst Street) and South Station (Stearns Road).

Central Station houses our Business Office. This is the location for obtaining burn permits, oil and propane installation permits, blasting permits, tank removal permits, etc. All fire prevention planning and inspection coordination also takes place at Central Station. The Business office hours are Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. AFD's non-emergency business telephone number is 673-1545. In case of emergency, dial 673-3131 or 911.

In fiscal year 1996-1997, the Amherst Fire Department responded 360 times. Of these 360 responses, 248 were toned calls and 112 were service calls. The breakdown is as follows:

Alarm Activation	96	Misc. - Fire	21	Smoke in Bldg.	17
Assist 1A1	5	Misc. - Non-Fire	36	Structure Fires	4
Brush Fire/Pile	13	Mutual Aid Out	26	Suspicious Odor	9
Chimney Fire	9	Oil Burner	11	Tree on Wires	14
Carbon Monoxide	19	Oil Spill	2	Vehicle Accident	21
Good Intent	6	Permit Burn	6	Vehicle Fire	7
Illegal Burn	12	Propane Related	4	Smoke Check	19
				Water Problem	3

The Amherst Fire Department is responsible for enforcing State Fire Codes and Town Fire Safety Ordinances. These duties are completed through inspection and review activities of several Department members. In 1997, the following inspection and/or review activities occurred:

Propane	115	Foster Home	9
Oil Burner Equip.	71	Place of Assembly	40
Underground Tank Removal	11		

Other inspection activities included, but were not limited to, chimney and wood stove inspections, site plan reviews, building permit plan reviews, and public and private fire prevention visits.

The Fire Department conducted activities to result in yet another successful Fire Prevention Week (October 5-11, 1997). With efforts by many AFD members, all Amherst schools were visited, fire trucks displayed, literature distributed, and fire safety/prevention presentations were delivered. In addition, the Amherst Fire Department once again conducted similar activities at local day care centers.

The Fire Wards would like to take this opportunity to congratulate and thank Christopher Whittaker and Walter Nelson who in 1997 reached 25 years of service to the Fire Department and to the Town of Amherst. Also, congratulations and thanks are extended to Lieutenant Dennis Wheeler and Chief Rick Crocker for accumulating 20 years of service in 1997.

We are pleased to report that the new Tower truck, which was approved at the 1996 Town Meeting, arrived at Central Station in February, 1997. This vehicle has proven to be every bit as versatile as we had hoped it would be. We now have the low angle reach capabilities that we need. In addition, the combined function of heavy rescue capabilities incorporated into the Tower during its design, have given us more versatility and efficiency on the scene of rescue incidents, such as motor vehicle accidents. Thank you for your support, Amherst.

The water main has now been extended into the Central Station apparatus bay. This project was possible thanks to the selfless donation of man hours and heavy equipment offered by Amherst Fire Department's Captain Jeffrey Manson, Lieutenant Dennis Wheeler and Lieutenant Kevin Grassett. The Department is very appreciative of their efforts.

The Amherst Fire Department would like to take this opportunity to thank the people of Amherst and surrounding towns for their continued support. We wish everyone a happy, healthy and safe upcoming year.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS & ROAD COMMISSIONERS

During 1997, the Public Works Department was fully engaged maintaining the past and building for the future. Notable accomplishments were the contract administration of:

- Merrimack Road at Route 122 Intersection
- The reconstruction of Boston Post Road and Main Street Intersection
- Re-roofing of Town Hall
- Re-roofing of Central Fire Station
- Acquisition of new equipment and materials
- Hot bituminous overlay on:

Main Street	Dodge Road
Old Nashua Road	Corduroy Road
Pettingale Road	Hickory Drive
Maple Street	Meadow Lane
Douglas Drive	Cross Road
Highland Drive	Warren Way

- And a portion of:

Mack Hill Road	Old Manchester Road
Boston Post Road	

- Sidewalk repairs:

Boston Post Road & Carriage Road

- Crack Sealing portions of:

Horace Greeley Road	Chestnut Hill Road
Christian Hill Road	

- Street Sweeping curbed areas

- Drainage improvements at:

Church Street	Main Street
Boston Post Road	Transfer Station Facility

- Water Main Extension for Central Fire Station

The Public Works crew responded to and can be especially proud of their efforts in the following areas:

- Winter Maintenance of approximately 118 miles of Town roads, both paved and unpaved
- 440 service requests from residents and other Town Departments were completed
- Repainting the rail fence surrounding the large common
- Maintained, through grading and York raking, approximately 9 miles of gravel roads
- Commenced roadside mowing following the acquisition of a new mower
- Mowing at the Town Parks/Commons
- Mowing at the Library
- Mowing at the Wilkins School
- Flushing and cleaning of cross culverts Town-wide
- Maintenance of ditchlines at miscellaneous locations
- Brush cutting and chipping Town-wide (following the 50 Year Storm of December 6, 7 & 8, 1996)
- Solid waste disposal and recycling in accordance with NHDES
- Landscaping at the Police Station
- New drainage at the Police Station and Fellows Farm Road
- Street sweeping of all uncurbed areas
- Weekly trash & recycling pickup at the Town buildings and grounds
- Preparation and cleanup for the Fourth of July celebration
- Bridge maintenance - washing and putting preservative on concrete surfaces

Cemeteries:

- Repaired and repainted the Cemetery tool houses
- Mowing of all Town cemeteries
- Twenty burials
- Commenced road and lane repairs at Meadowview Cemetery

With the assistance from Hillsborough County House of Correction:

- Spring clean-up of public properties and cemeteries prior to Memorial Day observance
- Fall leaf collection at the public commons and cemeteries
- Repainted the exterior of South Fire Station

In conclusion, during the next fiscal year '98-'99, it is this Department's goal to continue a professional and productive level of service in many general maintenance endeavors internally while addressing other specialized maintenance and construction through funded contracted services. During the next year, emphasis is anticipated in further overlay paving and crack sealing at the following locations:

Amherst Street	Pond Parish Road
Seaverns Bridge Road	Davis Lane
Church Street	Upham Road
Christian Hill Road	

Finally, in the area of building maintenance, it is the intention of the Public Works Department to continue addressing the deficiencies that were identified in a six-year plan, thus protecting the investment we have in our Town Hall, Library, Police/Rescue Facility, Fire Stations and the Public Works Garage.

It is also anticipated that the previously established Capital Reserve account for the replacement of the DPW sand/salt storage building will have adequate funds during FY '98-'99 to bring this project to fruition.

The Department of Public Works wishes to thank the taxpayers for their continued support, the Board of Selectmen and Road Commissioners for their assistance and guidance and especially, the employees of the Public Works Department, for their efforts.

MEMORIAL DAY REPORT

Parade Marshall:	Robert Schaumann
Clergy:	Rev. Todd Smith
Readers:	Carrianne Kingsford, Mike Tardiff, AMS Class Officers
Guests:	Veterans & Amherst Citizens

Bruce A. Tarpley Scholarship presented to Jesse Jean

AMS Essay Topic:	"Memorial Day Participation"		
Essay Winners:	1st	2nd	3rd
Grade 7	Caitlin Pyne	Elizabeth Stitt	Annie Quinn
Grade 8	Stephanie Pratt		

Recipient of Patricia Duval/Evelyn Riccitelli Youth Award: Marcel Chabot

RESCUE SQUAD

The Rescue Squad provides emergency medical services for Amherst and Mont Vernon, supplies additional hours of community service for such events as standbys at athletic events, parades, demonstrations, road races, blood pressure clinics, and CPR courses. The Squad is always in need of additional personnel, especially daytime. Anyone interested in joining the Amherst Rescue Squad is encouraged to contact any of our members for information regarding membership. We are also looking for townspeople who are at least 18 years of age and live in close proximity of the Police/Rescue Facility to be daytime drivers (6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.). No medical training is required as a driver.

The Boy Scouts of America Post 2941 has continued to attract active members between the ages of 15 and 21, and remains involved in community service projects. The Post is supervised by Jean Miller. Teens are encouraged to become involved.

It is through the continued community support that we are able to provide quality, up-to-date medical and rescue services in the event of sudden illness or injury. Your generous donations continue to help augment the operating budget that is passed.

Membership this past year numbers 45, which includes 11 BSA Explorers, 15 EMT-Intermediates that are able to do IV therapy and administer certain drugs and 4 paramedics. In 1997 the Rescue Squad made 521 calls - 402 in Amherst, 102 to Mont Vernon, 1 mutual aid to Bedford, 1 to Merrimack and 15 to Milford.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Compared to the two years prior, 1997 was relatively quiet for emergency management. Much of the activity this year was focused on Sara Title III, also known as the "community right to know" law. These activities include maintaining our hazardous materials response plan, surveying businesses to identify hazards and assuring compliance and making information available to the general public. Several new publications related to emergency preparedness have been published by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Copies of these are available to interested residents. A preparedness video geared to elementary school children was provided to the Amherst School District for review and subsequent use.

SOUHEGAN REGIONAL LANDFILL DISTRICT

The Amherst Recycling and Transfer Station of the Souhegan Regional Landfill District (SRLD) is located off of Route 101 East, just east of the Meeting Place and west of the Basket Barn. It is open to all residents on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. Hours vary from summer to winter, and are posted on the sign at the gate. Dump stickers are required in order to use the Amherst Station (the same is true for the other three towns of the SRLD). These stickers can be obtained at the Town Hall offices. Two of the best free offerings in Town can be had there: (1) Free driveway sand and (2) Free compost.

Some *important changes* have been made during the year 1997 with regard to items that are accepted at the facility for disposal. Since September 1997, mixed paper is no longer collected, however, magazines and newspapers continue to be collected separately (in loose form, no paper bags or string allowed). In addition, it is no longer acceptable to put fluorescent lamps or household batteries in the trash. Fluorescent lamps and household batteries, which contain heavy metals, are collected at the facility in special containers and sent to a recycling facility for reuse. These changes were dictated by our waste disposers as well as by environmental and economic concerns.

Items accepted include trash, which is transported to an incinerator, newspapers (loose), corrugated cardboard (flattened), commingled containers (glass, plastic and metal) and magazines (loose). The recyclable components are taken to various recycling facilities. Brush and untreated scrap wood is burned at the site in the burn pile. There is an area for wood/coal stove ashes; these do not go into the trash compactors due to the risk of fire. White goods such as refrigerators, stoves, air conditioners, etc. are accepted, but a fee for the disposal is charged for some items. A disposal fee is also charged for automotive tires. Also collected are waste oil and clean textiles along with footwear. Hazardous materials such as oil-based paints, solvents, cleaning fluids and pesticides are not handled by the Amherst Station, but are collected periodically in Nashua through a program with the Nashua Regional Planning Commission.

Although collected at the Amherst Station, the SRLD is not responsible for the disposition of tires, batteries, white goods, brush, oil, scrap metal, etc. The costs and revenue associated with these operations accrue to each town and are not part of the SRLD budget. The disposal of demolition materials such as treated lumber, asphalt, sheet rock, etc. has become an issue over the past years and under state regulations, may not be burned or landfilled at the town's facility. These materials are now being weighed at the Amherst Station and disposed of for a fee.

During the year 1997, it was discovered that apparently not all of the leachate from the closed landfill area was being properly pumped out. This has necessitated additional hauling and disposal costs as well as added expenses for engineering, testing and administration. Our 1998 budget includes a 160% increase for leachate disposal. Since the landfill is the responsibility of the SRLD, it must provide for proper disposal of the leachate as well as the monitoring of the groundwater quality at the site and at the borders of the property. Several efforts are currently ongoing to identify problem areas and implement corrective actions. On the positive side, the SRLD received a reimbursement check from the State of New Hampshire for costs incurred when closing our landfill in 1990. A check for $48,000 was forwarded to the Town by the SRLD in August.

The entire SRLD budget for 1998 is $772,330 up 18% from the previous year (1997 - $654,967, 1996 - $589,500, 1995 - $683,100) of which $350,000 (1997 - $294,967, 1996 - $180,658, 1995 - $270,504) will be charged to the Town of Amherst, and collected as part of the tax bill. The remainder will be assessed to and paid by the other member towns of the SRLD - Hollis, Brookline and Mont Vernon. The assessments for Capital Spending are prorated based upon the total real estate valuation for each town, while those for the Operations Spending are prorated based upon the population of each town. The large increase in the 1998 budget is the result of the efforts that the SRLD is making to address the issue of leachate disposal as well as the groundwater quality improvement measures. This brings with it a host of related costs, as already mentioned. Many of these measures are required by the State of NH to reissue our Groundwater Permit. Other increases in the budget include a significant rise in trash (up 6% in the SRLD towns and up 10% in Amherst) accompanied by a decrease in the recyclables collected (down 6% in the SRLD towns and down 4% in Amherst) resulting in increased hauling and disposal expenses. Added to this is also a recent increase in the disposal cost per ton of trash. Along with the increases, the 1998 budget also includes reductions for equipment maintenance and for the disposal costs of recycled materials.

As of 1997, the SRLD no longer used its own vehicle to haul trash and other commodities. Instead we have contracted with D.C. Slocomb company of Hollis to have all such services performed on a per haul basis without the need for an SRLD owned vehicle. Our truck was sold during the first half of 1997.

By far the largest portion of the budget of the SRLD is comprised of Operations Spending, and within Operations, the biggest costs are those for the transportation and disposal of trash. Partly due to the improving economy and the increase in population, the 1994 trash tonnage for the SRLD hit an all-time high of 7360 tons of which Amherst generated 3246 tons. As the result of significant removal of demolition and building materials, as well as continuing recycling efforts the trash amounts have been lower since that time (1996 - SRLD 7195 / Amherst 2868, 1995 - SRLD 5226 / Amherst 2115). However, with

the strong rise in the trash quantities, 1997 is likely to generate over 7400 tons, setting a new record high. In fact, the contribution of Amherst trash to that collected overall by the SRLD has continued to decline from 45% in 1991 to only 40% in 1996 rising to an estimated 41% in 1997. As the result of not collecting mixed paper and increasing trash quantities, the overall recycling rate for the SRLD in 1997 will be approximately 19% (21.5% in 1996, 20.7% in 1995) while the Amherst rate will be closer to 21% (24% in 1996, 23.2% in 1995).

Since 1995, the SRLD has been a member of the Northeast Resource Recovery Association and has been working with this group to help identify markets and to find the most beneficial pricing and hauling arrangements for our area residents, while at the same time remaining firmly committed to an aggressive recycling effort.

PLANNING BOARD

In 1997, the number of new residential subdivisions approved by the Planning Board was ten. This is the same as 1996, however, the number of new lots created was 19 verses 64 in 1996, a drop of 70%. The number of new site plan reviews for commercial - industrial development was 12. This also is the same as 1996. The total number of residential building permits in 1997 was 83. This represents a drop of 26% from 1996.

The above statistics appear to show a leveling off of residential building construction and perhaps the beginning of a down-ward trend.

The Town this fall became embroiled in the wireless communications facilities siting and approval process. Due to the fact of continuing litigation, I will make no comments except to say that the Planning Board should be commended for their foresight in setting up zoning regulations for wireless communications facilities in 1996.

This is the last year for the Planning Board as presently constituted. In March, the citizens of the Town voted for an elected Planning Board. In my opinion, this is not a good thing. I believe it opens the planning process to tremendous pressure from those who have specific agendas to influence the Board's decisions. I firmly believe that the Amherst Planning Board has always worked to the best interest of the Town first and foremost. When the new elected Board is seated, I hope that they will continue that tradition.

Charles Tiedemann
PLANNING BOARD CHAIRMAN

ZONING / PLANNING ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

The Zoning Office serves many functions within the community including building inspections, health inspections, daycare and foster care inspections, Code Enforcement, witnessing wetland determinations and soil tests on property and planning. Our department works closely with realtors, brokers, appraisers and homeowners doing research on the history of their properties within the Town, as well as all the Boards and Commissions within the Town.

Zoning Activity Report for January 1997- December 1997

Permits Issued For:	No. Permits	Value
New Residences	83	14,801,892
Residential-Additions/Alterations	161	2,061,083
New Commercial/Industrial	5	1,594,184
Comm/Ind-Alterations/Additions	41	1,142,735
Foundations Only	12	-
Signs	15	19,000
Pools	7	44,800
Demolition	8	-
Driveways	12	-
Septic Permits	150	750,000
Electrical	28	110,085
TOTAL	**522**	**20,523,779**

Type of Inspection:	No. of Inspections
Zoning / Building	1284
Electrical	567
Violations	29
Certificate of Occupancy	119
TOTAL	**2001**

And, as always, a reminder, that before you begin any remodeling, renovation, or new construction call our office for information on the proper permitting procedures to follow.

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

The Zoning Board of Adjustment is a Board comprised of five elected members and a number of alternates appointed by the Board of Selectmen. It is their function to review requests for relief from the strict regulations of the Ordinance of the Town of Amherst. All meetings are public hearings and anyone wishing to attend is welcome.

The following is a summary of the Cases from 1997:

Map & Lot	Case No.	Name of Applicant	Type	Zone	Decision
2-149-10	1078	Homes by Paradise	V	RR	Granted
3-28	1079	Ponemah Green Corp.	V	RR	Granted
11-11-13	1080	E. Jean Albano	AAD	NR	Tabled
5-44	1081	M/M Gerald Gill	V	RR	Denied
8-42	1082	Brian J. Edwards	AAD	LC	Granted
17-46	1083	Martha D. Hall	SE	RR	Granted
8-99	1084	M/M Kenneth Junkins	V	RR	Denied
8-67	1085	John McLane	V	RR	Granted
17-85	1086	Martha D. Hall	AAD	RR	Upheld
6-66-1	1087	River of Life Christian Fellowship/Cameron R.E.	SE	RR	Granted
8-99	1088	M/M Kenneth Junkins	V	RR	Withdrawn
2-125-5	1089	Celeste Brown	AAD	RR	Granted
8-37-3	1090	Diana & Michael LaMesa	V	LC	Partial
17-89	1091	M/M William Ferry	V	RR	Granted
5-11	1092	Louise Reinhard Cross	V	RR	Granted
10-28-6	1093	M/M Jeffrey Ela	V	NR	Denied
8-54-1	1094	Amherst/Omnipoint	SE	NR	Denied
8-9-1	1095	Amherst/Omnipoint	SE	RR	Denied
8-9-1	1096	Amherst/Omnipoint	V	RR	Denied
6-94	1097	Amherst/Omnipoint	V	RR	Denied
6-94	1098	Amherst/Omnipoint	V	RR	Denied
3-36-2	1099	Christ Church/Omnipoint	SE	RR	Denied
3-36-2	1100	Christ Church/Omnipoint	V	RR	Denied
12-1	1101	Thomas Friel	V	RR	Granted
24-60	1102	M/M John Longa	V	RR	Granted
6-94	1103	Amherst/Omnipoint	AHDC	RR	Denied
17-85	1104	Martha D. Hall	V	RR	Granted
8-106	1105	M/M Harry Harden	V	RR	Granted
8-9-1	1106	Amherst/Omnipoint	V	RR	Denied

NASHUA REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

The end of the 1997 year marked my arrival as the Executive director of the Nashua Regional Planning Commission. Having grown up in the Nashua region, and having lived in other states, it is a pleasure to be back in New Hampshire. If any one has any issues of concerns regarding local planning, do not hesitate to contact me at the NRPC. We at the NRPC are grateful for the participation of Amherst's NRPC Commissioners: Michael Lambert, Martin Michaelis, Marilyn Peterman and Paul Wenger.

Transportation Improvement Program

The NRPC assisted the Town of Amherst in submitting an ISTEA Enhancement project application for the 1997 round of TIP development. All applications were reviewed and ranked by the NRPC and a public participation process was conducted in conjunction with the FY 1999-2008 TIP update.

TravelNet Information System

The NRPC completed the development of a computer based system of transportation related information, such as ridematching availability, transit schedules, airline information, transportation project status reports, currently planned projects and other information. The system will soon be available at public kiosk locations in the region and on the Internet.

Truck Route Study

NRPC conducted a study of truck travel through the town center of Amherst and submitted a report with recommendations to Town Officials.

Amherst Master Plan

The NRPC met with town officials to discuss a process for developing a master plan update for the town with the Planning Board. This contract has since been executed and the work is in the beginning stages.

Andrew Singelakis
Executive Director

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

The Historic District Commission consists of seven members and five alternates, all of whom are appointed by the Board of Selectmen. The Commission meets the third Thursday of every month. Applications to be reviewed by the Commission are due in the Zoning Office at the close of business on the second Thursday of each month. The Commission is charged by ordinance with the responsibility of reviewing all applications for building permits as well as for exterior renovations within the District.

In early 1991, Historic District Commission "Guidelines" were completed, reviewed by Town Counsel and placed in the Town Library along with the reference material the Commission used in drawing up the guidelines. This reference material includes the Secretary of the Interior's "Standards for Rehabilitation - Guidelines for Rehabilitating Historic Buildings" as well as "Preserving Community Character" which is published by the New Hampshire Association of Historic District Commissions. Both manuals are excellent sources of information and are especially important if one contemplates making changes to an historic house. Copies of the Commission's Guidelines are also on file in the Town Hall Zoning Office.

This past year the Commission has reviewed a wide variety of applications which resulted in approval for fences, changes to doors and windows, additions to existing structures, restoration of properties and new structures. In each instance we try to balance the needs of the applicant with necessity of maintaining the character of the Historic District. We also reviewed plans for the portable classrooms at Clark School and plans for an additional four classrooms at the same site. The Commission denied an application to place a communications tower at the Safety Complex and is currently working on an addition to our regulations dealing with this topic.

The Commission was pleased to see the completion of the beautification project at the corner of Main, Carriage Road and Boston Post Road. We feel that maintaining the green openness and rural character of the Village is of utmost importance. To help us in this, the Commission constantly strives to improve its procedures and knowledge so that the character of the Historic District may be maintained.

RECREATION COMMISSION

In 1997, the Amherst Recreation Commission provided a diversified program of recreational activities for people of all ages. Participation rates increased by nine percent from the previous year and program registrations continue to climb. The citizens of Amherst have a wide range of activities to choose from and once again it is our aim to contribute significantly to the well being of the community.

The philosophy of the Recreation Commission remains constant, with emphasis on quality programs and enjoyment of what we have to offer. Important elements such as safety, sportsmanship, camaraderie, skill development and physical wellness remain an integral part of each and every program.

In our attempt to meet the interests and needs of the community, a few residents were unfortunately placed on a waiting list and we are truly sorry for any inconvenience that this may have caused. It is our hope that more recreational space will be available for community use in the near future and will help to alleviate some of our growing pains.

The Amherst Recreation Commission would like to take this opportunity to thank the many members of the community who have offered their service and assistance in 1997. The 500 plus volunteer coaches, assistants, referees, field laborers, and other helping hands that donated so much of their time and effort. We appreciate you. The Selectmen, Town Administrator, Department Heads and Town Staff for their continued support and guidance with our recreation program. Thank you to the Amherst and Mont Vernon School Administrators and Staff for all that you do with providing us with facilities, scheduling and other efforts to help us along. To the area businesses that have donated through the Sponsorship Program, your support is wonderful. Most of all, thanks to our participants. We strive to serve you the best programs possible.

It is our hope that more community members will offer their time and assistance and help us as we move ahead. Please attend a Recreation Commission meeting held at the Amherst Town Hall on the first Tuesday of every other month starting with January at 7:00 p.m. Your ideas and suggestions are very important to us. With your involvement and participation, the Recreation Commission will be able to enhance the services that we offer and continue to serve you the most efficient and effective recreation program possible.

JULY 4, 1997

There is nothing quite like living in small-town America - especially on the 4th of July. This year our July 4th Committee did everything possible to insure that townspeople had a wonderful day. The parade began with the familiar sound of the Fire Department's sirens and continued with bands and floats, jugglers and clowns. Children on decorated bicycles graced our parade route as did ponies and puppies, Greyhounds and Labs. And, to assure we touched the heart of every little person, we also brought in a beautiful show horse, a horse and buggy, some exotic Llamas and great and gentle Newfoundlands who were guaranteed to steal the show.

Our Village Green was delightfully transformed by twenty-six town organizations who set up booths and sold a variety of items not the least of which was the exuberance of their own community spirit.

Our Governor, Jeanne Shaheen, mingled with folks on the Green as did Representative Charles Bass who came along with his family. Our Board of Selectmen were in attendance as well as many other town dignitaries. Also with us were a number of past "Citizens of the Year" and this year, longtime community leader Douglas Kirkwood, was chosen to join that illustrious group.

As we surveyed the Green, we marveled at the professionalism of the Art Show, the music of the Yankee Strummers and the perfection of the a capella singers. We loved, too, the generosity of the young face painters who worked hour after hour to ensure that every little face went home with a smile. The devotion of parents and teachers was also evident as they demonstrated the games they had set up for children and the magician who traveled to our Green for the very first time literally held the audience in the palm of his hand. Everywhere we looked, there was evidence of joy and friendship and though our celebration was dedicated to children, it clearly spoke volumes about the spirit of this small New Hampshire town ...

REPORT OF STATE FOREST RANGER

To aid your Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department and State Forest Ranger, contact your local Warden or Fire Department to find out if a permit is required. Violations of RSA 227-L:17, the fire permit law and the other burning laws of the State are misdemeanors punishable by fines of up to $2,000 and/or a year in jail. Violators are also liable for all fire suppression costs.

There are ten Forest Rangers who work for the NH Division of Forests and Lands, Forest Protection Bureau. State Forest Rangers are available to assist communities with forest fire suppression, prevention and training programs as well as the enforcement of forest fire and timber harvest laws. If you have any questions regarding forest fire or timber harvest laws, please call our office at 271-2217.

There are 2,400 Forest Fire Wardens and Deputy Forest Fire Wardens throughout the State. Each town as a Forest Fire Warden and several Deputy Wardens who assist the Forest Rangers with forest fire suppression, prevention, and law enforcement. The 1997 fire season was a safe period for wildland firefighters with no major injuries reported. The drought conditions experienced during the early summer months was a significant factor resulting in the total number of fires reported during the season. The State of New Hampshire operates 15 fire towers, two mobile patrols and three contract aircraft patrols. This early detection and reports from citizens aid in the quick response from local fire departments. This is a critical factor in controlling the size of wildland fires and keeping the loss of property and suppression costs as low as possible.

1997 Fire Statistics

Fires Reported by County		Causes of Fires Reported	
Belknap	58	Smoking	54
Carroll	96	Debris Burning	261
Cheshire	63	Campfire	99
Coos	29	Power Line	33
Grafton	51	Railroad	3
Hillsborough	145	Equipment Use	23
Merrimack	148	Lightning	14
Rockingham	54	Children	60
Strafford	63	OHRV	0
Sullivan	19	Miscellaneous	130
TOTAL ACRES	177.17	Incendiary	33
TOTAL FIRES	726 (Thru 12/23/97)	Fireworks	16

Bryan Nowell
Forest Ranger

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Town was graced this year with two excellent acquisitions of an enduring conservation nature. First is the land and buildings now known as Peabody Mill, formerly the Bacon residence, at the trailhead to Joe English Reservation, purchased through a warrant voted at last year's Town Meeting. The property is managed by the Recreation Commission with responsibilities shared with the Conservation Commission. It is strategically located to provide many family oriented services to our citizens seeking passive recreation. The other acquisition comes from David and Mary Dacquino of a 70 acre parcel fronting Highway 101 back to Austin Road. The woods are reasonably mature, there are a few wetlands, and both the Bicentennial Trail and an old logging road run through it. The property is in close proximity to other lands managed for conservation and holds promise for maintaining a good wildlife habitat. Our many thanks once again to Dave and Mary's generosity.

The change in regulatory procedures for managing the change of use penalty payments, voted by the Town last year, are working well - providing funds during the year instead of only at the end made all the difference with the Dacquino purchase above. Another improvement is allowing the funds to be used for land management.

We have embarked on the road to implementing our Forest Management plan. This plan was written last year by a consulting forester and contains species data and recommendations for stands improvement in five major forests we manage. We decided to proceed cautiously with a selected stand improvement in the Caesar's Brook forest. This area is characterized by numerous juvenile, low-grade trees whose removal will allow light to fall on trees of better use to wildlife and future thinnings. The result should be a better balance of species and age. We encourage owners of woodlot acreage to walk the Caesar's Brook area and contact us if you need more information.

Other conservation efforts continued on a broad front. We instituted a Trail Steward's program of outdoor-minded volunteers who 'adopt' an established trail; removing windfalls and performing other initiatives promoting its use. Four trails are now adopted - many more are available by contacting the ACC through Town Hall. Amherst Eagle Scouts projects this year worked at Pond Parish on an information kiosk and improvements to the entrances to the Bicentennial and Orange trails at Joe English. We began meeting quarterly with the Conservation Commissions of abutting towns. These joint meetings have been very successful at swapping methods and ideas for local conservation efforts.

Finally, those of you not PC-challenged can find plenty more Amherst conservation information at our Web site at http://www.ultranet.com/-harts/acc/.

SYNOPSIS OF TOWN MEETING
MARCH 11, 1997

Voting for Town offices was held on Tuesday, March 11, 1997 at Wilkins School. 1978 votes were cast. Moderator Robert Schaumann opened the polls at 7:00 a.m. and they were closed at 7:00 p.m. The business meeting was held on March 13, 1996.

Article 1.	**Election of Town Officers**	
Selectmen (2)	Marilyn Peterman	1301 Votes 3 Years
	Richard Sherwood	1479 Votes 3 Years
	George Rushanna by Write-In	58 Votes 3 Years
Treasurer (1)	Sharon Flanders	1579 Votes 3 Years
Board of Adjustment (2)	Douglas H. Kirkwood	1514 Votes 3 Years
	William H. Kramer	1396 Votes 3 Years
Trustee of Trust Funds (1)	Stephen Mantius	1575 Votes 3 Years
Library Trustee (2)	David Hallenbeck	1495 Votes 3 Years
	Harold Struss	1448 Votes 3 Years

Also by paper ballot that day was Article 2, Article 3, Article 4, Article 5 and Article 6.

Article 2. (By Petition to Enact the Provisions of SB-2)
Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 40:13 to allow official ballot voting on all issues before the Town.

YES 1161 NO 780

Article did not pass as the vote did not achieve the 60% approval required.

Article 3.
To see if the Town will vote to change the position of Tax Collector from a three year elected position, to a one year position appointed by the Board of Selectmen effective March 1998.

YES 990 NO 862

Article 4.
Shall we modify the elderly exemptions from property tax in the Town of Amherst, based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers, to be as follows: For a person 65 years of age up to 75 years, **$15,000**; for a person 75 years of age up to 80 years, **$22,500**; for a person 80 years of age or older **$30,000**. To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least five (5) years, own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse, they must have been married for at least five (5) years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than **$28,400** or, if

married, a combined net income of less than **$39,400**; and own net assets not in excess of **$50,000** excluding the value of the person's residence.

YES 1543 NO 267

Article 5. (By Petition)
To see if the Town will vote to elect Planning Board members in accordance with NH RSA 673:2, II (b) (1), "the Selectmen shall choose one Selectman as an ex officio member and the remaining Planning Board positions shall be filled at the next regular town election pursuant to RSA 669:17. Thereafter, a Planning Board member shall be elected for a term provided under RSA 673:5, II".

YES 1193 NO 492

Article 6.
To see if the Town will vote to make the following changes in the Zoning Ordinance for the Town of Amherst:

Amendment No. 1. (By Petition)
To change Lot #112-000 on Map #002 of the Tax Maps of the Town of Amherst, presently owned by Roberge Investments, LLC, c/o Al Legro, Vestmoore Management, Inc., 168 South River Road, Bedford, New Hampshire and being situate on the southeast corner of the intersection of Route 101-A and 122 from a general office zone to a commercial zone.

BALLOT QUESTION: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by petitioners of the Town? (THE PLANNING BOARD RECOMMENDS A NO VOTE.)

YES 348 NO 1432

Amendment No. 2.
To see if the Town will vote to change Article IV, Section 4-8, B-1. To DELETE "except for a residential use which shall be two acres". (Housekeeping)

BALLOT QUESTION: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the Planning Board?

YES 1174 NO 517

Amendment No. 3.
To see if the Town will vote to change Article IV, Section 4-7, B-1. To DELETE "except for a residential use which shall be two acres". (Housekeeping).

BALLOT QUESTION: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 3 as proposed by the Planning Board?

YES 1151 NO 505

Amendment No. 4.
To see if the Town will vote to DELETE Section ENCLOSURE OF SWIMMING POOLS. (Housekeeping - now included as part of building code.)

BALLOT QUESTION: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 4 as proposed by the Planning Board?

YES 1158 NO 533

Amendment No. 5.
To see if the Town will vote to DELETE Article IV, Section 4-10, Flood Plain Conservation District, and replace with the new ordinance as proposed.

BALLOT QUESTION: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 5 as proposed by the Planning Board.

YES 1146 NO 457

Amendment No. 6.
To see if the Town will vote to ADD new Article III, Section 3-16, Wireless Communications Facility as proposed.

BALLOT QUESTION: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 6 as proposed by the Planning Board?

YES 1163 NO 449

Amendment No. 7.
To see if the Town will vote to DELETE Article IV, Section 6-3, B-3 and B-4: Remove "and appointed" and B-5: Remove "appointed and". (Housekeeping).

BALLOT QUESTION:
Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 7 as proposed by the Planning Board?

YES 1231 NO 333

Amendment No. 8.
To see if the Town will vote to ADD to Article IV, Section 4-9, A-19 permitted uses - "Retail Establishments" (change of use permit from the Planning Board required for existing buildings).

BALLOT QUESTION:
Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 8 as proposed by the Planning Board?

YES 1171 NO 432

MARCH 13, 1997

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Robert Schaumann Moderator at the Souhegan High School. 246 voters attended. The Pledge of Allegiance was followed by the invocation by Rev. Hans Arnesen of the Messiah Lutheran Church.

Chairman Robert Jackson introduced the Board of Selectmen: Richard Sherwood, Marilyn Peterman, Richard Verrochi and William Overholt. Town Administrator Dana Crowell introduced the Department Heads: Director of Public Works John Starkey, Zoning Administrator Karin Elmer, Assessor Ed Elcik, Chief of Police Gary MacGuire; Library Director Mary Ann List; Fire Chief Richard E. Crocker, Recreation Director James Doane and Rescue Chief Marcia Houck.. Also present was Town Clerk Nancy Demers, Town Counsel William Drescher and Secretary Sharon Frydlo.

The rules of the meeting were addressed by Moderator Schaumann as follows: (1) Yellow cards would be displayed by the voter during a vote. (2) No amendment to an amendment would be accepted. (3) Speakers would be allowed three minutes. (4) No one speaks a second time until others have spoken. (5) Two microphones were set up - one in favor of a particular article and one against. (6) At the mike, the speaker would announce his name and address. (7) Should anyone move the question, those at the microphone would be allowed to speak. (8) No new business would be conducted after 10:45 p.m. unless the remaining voters so desired. A vote to restrict reconsideration, according to RSA 40:10 was also passed.

There were seventeen warrant articles, No. 23 would be voted by ballot according to law. Articles 1-6 were voted on by ballot on March 11th.

Article 7.
To see if the Town will vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 202-A:4-d authorizing the Library Trustees to accept gifts of personal property, other than money, which may be offered to the Library for any public purpose; provided, however, that no acceptance of personal property by the Library Trustees shall be deemed to bind the Town or the Library Trustees to raise, appropriate or expend any public funds for the operation, maintenance, repair or replacement of such

personal property and such authorization shall remain in effect until rescinded by a vote of Town Meeting or take action relative thereto. **(The Selectmen recommend a yes vote.)**

Motion was made by Selectman Richard Verrochi to adopt Article 7 and was seconded. This was a housekeeping article. State law provides that Town Meeting may authorize the public library trustees to accept gifts of personal property other than money, which may be offered to the library for any public purpose and shall remain in effect until rescinded by a vote at Town Meeting.

Article No. 7 passed. A motion to restrict reconsideration was also passed.

Article 8.
To see if the Town will raise such monies as may be necessary to defray Town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations for the same or take action relative thereto. Said sum is exclusive of all special warrant articles addressed separately. **(The Selectmen recommend a yes vote.)**

Selectman Verrochi moved to adopt this article and was seconded. Question was asked regarding recreation, specifically cemetery fields. Two fields have been approved by the Planning Board. Some work is funded through grants. The Recreation Association will be asking for bids on the project in the spring. The Recreation Association has been raising funds around town and about $7,000 has been collected.

Selectman Robert Jackson moved the question to adopt the budget of $4,852,958. Ways & Means approved the amount.

Selectman Overholt moved to adopt an amendment on the budget because of expected revenue from the Amherst Rescue Squad for billing procedures. The amendment was as follows: Shall we reduce the ambulance revenue line from $63,000 to $13,000. This does not reflect the bottom line of the budget. It relates only to the anticipated revenue section of the budget which is not part of the appropriations section. A vote on the amendment passed. The budget was then voted on and passed. Motion to restrict reconsideration was passed.

Article 9.
To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of $224 to support the Big Brother/Big Sister Program or take action relative thereto. **(The Selectmen recommend a no vote.)**

Selectman Marilyn Peterman moved for adoption and was seconded. She advised that Amherst residents were assisted by this program. Article passed. Motion to restrict reconsideration was also passed.

Article 10.
To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of $500 to support the Greater Nashua/Souhegan Valley Chapter of the American Red Cross or take action relative thereto. **(The Selectmen recommend a no vote.)**

Selectman Peterman moved for adoption and was seconded. Ways & Means approved the article. Passed. Motion to restrict reconsideration was passed.

Article 11.
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $111,302 for the purchase of a Champion 740A Grader to be funded in the following manner:

Withdrawal from Capital Reserve $109,991
Raised by Taxation 1,311

or take action relative thereto. **(The Selectmen recommend a yes vote.)**

Selectman Richard Sherwood moved for adoption and was seconded. Passed with little discussion. Motion to restrict reconsideration was passed.

Article 12.
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $70,000 for the reconstruction of Merrimack Road at the intersection of State Route 122 or take action relative thereto. **(The Selectmen recommend a yes vote.)**

Selectman Sherwood moved for adoption and was seconded. He referred to accident statistics at this intersection. At earlier Town Meetings, we have voted $17,000 at each meeting. The State had said that it would pay 2/3rds of the construction amount of $150,000. The new figure proposed was $350,000. The town could do it for less. Although we have $42,000 in hand, we need to raise the whole amount since the earlier money was raised for the state project. The other money shown as income item. Further discussion followed regarding sidewalks. Mr. Jackson responded that they will not be added.

Article passed. Motion to restrict reconsideration was passed.

Article 13.
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $58,000 for the paving of: Hickory Drive, Maple Street, Douglas Drive and Meadow Lane or take action relative thereto. **(The Selectmen recommend a yes vote.)**

Selectman Sherwood moved to adopt this article and was seconded. He advised that this was in the schedule for road maintenance. Article passed. Motion to restrict reconsideration was passed.

Article 14.
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $75,000 for the purchase of two parcels of land totaling 6.6 acres and the buildings thereon

known as Map 10 Lots 7 & 8 to be funded by a $75,000 transfer from the Conservation Land Fund Account or take action relative thereto. **(The Selectmen recommend a yes vote.)**

Selectman Overholt moved for passage and was seconded. He explained that there was 7.5 acres of land. The assessment of the property was set at $111,000. The house would be used by organizations such as the scouts. The Selectmen wanted to offer $115,000. Ways & Means voted 7-1 against with the opinion that it would set a bad precedent to pay more than the assessed value.

Selectman Overholt proposed the following amendment: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $115,000 for the purchase of two parcels of land totaling 7.5 acres and the buildings thereon known as Map 10, Lots 7 and 8, to be funded by $85,000 transfer from the Conservation Land Fund account and $30,000 from the Bean Foundation with $0 from taxes. Selectman Sherwood asked that this amendment be defeated so that the Conservation Commission proposal by Jan Woodbury could be proposed. The amendment was defeated.

Jan Woodbury then proposed the following amendment: To delete $75,000 and insert $116,750, to delete 6.6 and insert 7.5 funded by $85,000 from conservation, $30,000 from Bean Foundation, $1,750 in donations. There would be no tax impact to the Town. Private donations would be raised by July 1, 1997.

Questions followed regarding annual operating expenses. User fees would offset some expenses. Debate ended and the amendment passed.

Selectman Verrochi offered an additional amendment of $7,500 for maintenance of the property and adding expenses to upgrade to a public facility. A vote was then taken. The results were 87 for and 96 against. The amendment was defeated.

A vote was then taken on the amendment with the addendum of "on such terms and conditions as the Selectmen deem appropriate". The article was then passed. Motion to restrict reconsideration was passed.

Article 15.
To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a lease/purchase agreement for the purpose of lease/purchasing a tractor/mower for the Recreation Department and to raise and appropriate the sum of $5,935 for the FY '97-98 lease/purchase payment (first of five) or take action relative thereto. **(The Selectmen recommend a yes vote.)**

Motion was made by Selectman Jackson to pass the article. Passed with little discussion. Motion to restrict reconsideration was passed.

Article 16.
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $18,000 to refurbish Fire Engine IE3 or take action relative thereto. **(The Selectmen recommend a yes vote.)**

Motion was made by Selectman Verrochi and seconded. This was a maintenance item. Passed with little discussion. Motion to restrict reconsideration was passed.

Article 17. (By Petition)
To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $12,001 to extend the water main (6" minimum pipe size) from its present terminus to the Fire Station for purposes to fill trucks and provide water for a sprinkler system in the future or take action relative thereto. **(The Selectmen recommend a yes vote.)**

Selectman Jackson moved to adopt and was seconded. Passed. Motion to restrict reconsideration was passed.

Article 18.
To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of $56,616 to fund the deficit in the 1996-97 Souhegan Regional Landfill District budget appropriation or take action relative thereto. **(The Selectmen recommend a yes vote.)**

Motion was made by Selectman Peterman and was seconded. Passed. Motion to restrict reconsideration was passed.

Article 20. (By Petition)
To see if the Town will vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 79-A:25 (Disposition of Revenue) and vote to place fifty percent (50%) of the revenues of all future payments collected pursuant to RSA 79-A:25, II, in the Conservation Fund in accordance with RSA 36-A:5, III. The revenue transfer shall be at the time of collection or take action relative thereto. **(The Selectmen recommend a no vote.)**

This article was taken out of order. Selectman Verrochi moved to adopt and was seconded. The Selectmen wanted this article defeated because they want to look at it each year and goes from April to July of next year. Article 19, which they favor, will limit the recovery for the period of March 1, 1997 to July 1, 1997. However, this article passed. Motion to restrict reconsideration was passed.

Article 19.
To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money equal to 50% of the current use recovery money paid by March 1, 1997 and place the sum in a special fund for the purpose of land purchase by the Conservation Commission

with the concurrence of the Board of Selectmen or take action relative thereto. **(The Selectmen recommend a yes vote.)**

Selectman Verrochi moved for adoption and was seconded. The following amendment was proposed by Mr. Verrochi. To insert "raise and appropriate up to the sum of $80,000 but not to exceed 50% of the land use change tax collected by March 31, 1997 and place the sum in a special fund for the purpose of land purchase by the Conservation Commission with the concurrence of the Board of Selectmen. Amendment passed.

Hani Durzy then proposed another amendment: To delete $80,000, insert $120,000, delete 50% and insert 75%. This article as amended passed with 68 for and 54 against. Motion to restrict reconsideration passed.

Article 21.
To see if the Town will vote to rescind the unused bonding authority granted in March 1995 for the purchase of the Bragdon Farm or take action relative thereto. **(The Selectmen recommend a yes vote.)**

Motion was made by Selectman Verrochi and passed. Voted to restrict reconsideration.

Article 22.
To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to RSA 41:11-a to authorize the Selectmen to negotiate and enter into a long term lease with Bell Atlantic NYNEX Mobile for the construction and lease of a cellular communications tower and compound on Town-owned land or take action relative thereto. **(The Selectmen recommend a yes vote.)**

Selectman Peterman moved for adoption and seconded. Ways & Means Committee opposed this article. Mrs. Peterman advised that under federal law cellular towers could go anywhere. They cannot be zoned out of the town. It was suggested that a tower could be placed at the police station and industrial park so as to access both corridors. Mr. Verrochi advised that approval of the article only gives approve to the Board of Selectmen to enter into a deal. He proposed that the article be amended to delete "Bell Atlantic NYNEX Mobile" - amendment passed.

Trudy Loy of Willow Lane moved to amend that no tower be erected on land that was purchased with Conservation Commission money. After some discussion, this amendment was defeated.

The article was passed as amended. Motion to restrict reconsideration was passed.

Article 23.
Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 72:23-n, allowing for otherwise tax-exempt charitable properties to enter into an agreement with the Town to make payments in lieu of taxes or take action relative thereto? **(The Selectmen recommend a yes vote.) Ballot vote required.**

Selectman Jackson moved for passage and was seconded. There was no discussion. Vote was by ballot. Results: 107 Yes, 13 No.

The gross budget approved was $5,422,286.

Meeting was adjourned at midnight.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy A. Demers
Town Clerk

BUDGET AS VOTED ON AT TOWN MEETING

GENERAL GOVERNMENT	
Town Officers Salaries	92,367.00
Town Office Expense	220,184.00
Town Buildings	125,544.00
Elections	1,800.00
Legal	45,000.00
Insurance	496,462.00
Maps & Survey	990.00
Assessing	96,126.00
Police Retirement	26,442.00
Social Security	114,096.00
Employee Retirement	35,564.00
Tree Care	725.00
Conservation	2,575.00
Contingency	25,000.00
Total	1,282,875.00
PUBLIC SAFETY	
Police	784,312.00
Fire	146,384.00
Police Special Duty	25,000.00
Animal Control	11,776.00
Emergency Management	3,168.00
Ambulance	50,999.00
Hydrant Rental	110,800.00
Lease Pay/Ladder Truck	100,000.00
Total	1,232,439.00
HEALTH & WELFARE	
Health Officer	1,500.00
Souhegan Nursing	9,000.00
St. Joseph's Elderly	1,170.00
Souhegan Valley Resources	2,000.00
Nashua Mental Health	2,660.00
Milford Counseling	3,000.00
Nashua Mediation	600.00
Nashua Rape & Assault	1,200.00
Gateway	850.00
Town Welfare	15,000.00
Total	36,980.00

HIGHWAY	
General Expense	140,182.00
Street Lights	25,877.00
Oiling	71,017.00
Summer Maintenance	97,971.00
Winter Maintenance	278,874.00
Road Improvements	37,800.00
Parks	20,997.00
Highway Subsidy	200,750.00
Landfill	135,427.00
Total	1,008,895.00
RECREATION & CULTURE	
Recreation	165,946.00
Baboosic	31,645.00
Memorial Day	700.00
July 4th	3,000.00
Total	201,291.00
PLANNING & ZONING	
Regional Planning	13,143.00
Planning	3,670.00
Board of Adjustment	1,900.00
Zoning	103,849.00
Total	122,562.00
LAND DEBT SERVICE	
Payment on Debt-Land	27,000.00
Payment on Debt-Bldg.	35,000.00
Interest on Debt-Land	9,700.00
Interest on Debt-Bldg.	18,703.00
Total	90,403.00
CAPITAL RESERVES	
Fire Truck	0.00
Rescue Vehicle	20,000.00
Highway Equipment	16,125.00
Highway Vehicle	20,000.00
Ladder Truck	0.00
Salt Barn	25,000.00
Total	81,125.00

LIBRARY	
Wages	249,813.00
Operating Expenses	82,536.00
Debt Service:	
Payment on Debt	45,000.00
Interest on Debt	32,389.00
Total	409,738.00
TRANSFERS OUT	
Communications Center	91,683.00
Souhegan Landfill	294,967.00
Total	386,650.00
Sub-Total	4,852,958.00
WARRANT ARTICLES	
Big Brother/Big Sister	224.00
American Red Cross	500.00
Grader Purchase-Champion 740A	111,302.00
Merrimack Rd. Reconstruction	70,000.00
Paving	58,000.00
Land Purchase Map 10, Lots 7&8	116,750.00
Refurbish 1E3	18,000.00
Lease/Purchase Tractor	5,935.00
Water Line Extension	12,001.00
Souhegan Landfill Deficit	56,616.00
Current Use to Conservation Commission	120,000.00
Sub-Total	569,328.00
Grand Total	**5,422,286.00**

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF AMHERST
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1997

Date	Place of Birth	Name of Child	Name of Father	Name of Mother
Jan. 6	Nashua	Jonathan David Alden	John L. Alden	Susan A. Alden
Jan. 6	Manchester	Evan Jacob Ruderman	Jack K. Ruderman	Amy B. Messer
Jan. 7	Nashua	Benjamin Harris Rigione	Vaughn P. Rigione	Sally M. Rigione
Jan. 17	Nashua	Kevin Edward Bachmore	Mark E. Bachmore	Theresa M. Bachmore
Jan. 22	Peterborough	John Anfernee Bowler	Bruce M. Bowler	Lynn M. Bowler
Jan. 24	Manchester	Nicholas Philip Orr	Scott P. Orr	Katherine V. Orr
Feb. 5	Manchester	Kaley Gray Ahern	John T. Ahern	Mary A. Ahern
Feb. 9	Nashua	Trevor Read Barrett	Steven L. Barrett	Patricia B. Barrett
Feb. 19	Nashua	Courtney Jean Kenny	William A. Kenny	Susan Kenny
Feb. 25	Nashua	Samuel Ross Barooshian	Daniel V. Barooshian	Gayle A. Barooshian
Mar. 1	Manchester	Samantha Raven Allen	Keith L. Allen	Barbara M. Allen
Mar.14	Nashua	Wilson Robert Ezequelle	Robert M. Ezequelle	Kristina Wilson-Ezequelle
Mar.14	Nashua	Nathan James Gunter	Daniel J. Gunter	Donna M. Gunter
Mar.16	Nashua	Hannah Claire Osborn	Jason W. Osborn	Karen G. Osborn
Mar.23	Nashua	Shawn Robert Crement	Donald L. Crement	Rachel C. Crement
Mar.31	Manchester	Nicholas Christopher Burke	Christopher M. Burke	Lori J. Burke
Apr. 3	Nashua	Alexander Kevin Hill	Ronald K. Hill	Christina A. Hill
Apr. 3	Nashua	Andrew Phillip Schaper	Thomas G. Schaper	Janet K. Schaper
Apr. 14	Nashua	Matthew Robert Campbell	Michael K. Campbell	Kim Campbell
Apr. 16	Nashua	Kali Anne Mondor	Roger R. Mondor	Tammy T. Mondor
Apr. 16	Nashua	Alexandria Anne Grace	Cortney T. Grace	Ronda L. Grace
Apr. 18	Nashua	Thomas Chilkton Bennett	Ward C. Bennett	Margaret A. Bennett
Apr. 30	Beverly, MA	Marie Elizabeth Wesson	Jeffrey L. Wesson	Regina E. Wesson
May 2	Manchester	Dylan Conwell Macgilvra	Kent C. Macgilvra	Teresa M. Macgilkvra
May 6	Manchester	Erin Taylor Woods	John M. Woods	Donna E. Woods
May 7	Nashua	Jacob Martin Sipos	Frank M. Sipos	Patricia T. Sipos
May 14	Manchester	Jonathan Emmet Devine	John C. Devine	Jennifer E. Devine
May 16	Nashua	Elise Ann MacLaughlin	Kurt D. MacLaughlin	Michelle A. MacLaughlin
May 18	Nashua	Brianna Vickers Kilgore	Kevin D. Kilgore	Jill M. VickersKilgore
May 21	Nashua	Samara Ruth Armstrong	Jeffrey W. Armstrong	Karen A. Armstrong

Date	Place of Birth	Name of Child	Name of Father	Name of Mother
May 25	Nashua	Evan George Bronson	George E. Bronson	Tracy M. Bronson
May 25	Nashua	Cameron Donald Davis	Damien D. Davis	Barbara A. Davis
May 29	Nashua	Jonathan David Buck	David H. Buck	Harriet F. Buck
May 29	Nashua	Aidan McCormick Bailey	Eric L. Bailey	Ann C. Bailey
May 30	Manchester	Brent Bradford Chandler	Bradford Chandler	Louisa M. Chandler
Jun. 7	Nashua	Abby Margaret Gendron	Thomas A. Gendron	Linda A. Gendron
Jun. 19	Manchester	Benjamin Joseph Kay	Ian M. Kay	Monica A. Kay
Jun. 20	Peterborough	Katherine Grace Heaney	Michael C. Heaney	Maria Heaney
Jun. 24	Nashua	Thomas Riley Casper	Michael D. Casper	Bridget M. Casper
Jun. 25	Nashua	Hadley Quinn Ramsay	James M. Ramsay	Sarah L. Ramsay
Jun. 25	Manchester	John Anthony Gerhardt Torberg	Tadd C. Torborg	Nancy L. Torborg
Jun. 27	Nashua	Maggie Lee Waterman	Robert W. Waterman, Jr.	Tracy L. Waterman
Jun. 29	Nashua	Brittany Lyn Ireland	Timothy J. Ireland	Mary S. Ireland
Jul. 3	Manchester	Emma Bailey Bouton	John S. Bouton	Caroline C. Bouton
Jul. 8	Nashua	Elijah Gabriel Moskowitz	Jeffrey A. Moskowitz	Shari A. Moskowitz
Jul. 13	Nashua	Ashley Elizabeth Schumann	Joseph J. A. Schumann	Larissa A. Schumann
Jul. 18	Nashua	William Edward Popik	Thomas S. Popik	Mary C. Carr
Aug. 1	Nashua	Anna Kathleen Sparks	Richard F. Sparks	Amy L. Sparks
Aug. 12	Manchester	Teigue Ryan Young	Robert E. Young	Jennifer L. Young
Aug. 16	Nashua	Olivia Taylor Duval	Richard D. Duval	Eileen M. Duval
Aug. 17	Manchester	Anna Sofia Aurora Pasanen	Jukka A. Pasanen	Marja A. Lankinen
Aug. 22	Nashua	Owen Mitchell Gonya	Benjamin F. Gonya II	Linda M. Gonya
Sep. 4	Nashua	William Arthur Dupuis	William A. Dupuis	Paula J. Dupuis
Sep. 6	Nashua	Alyssa Eleanor Maston	Roy E. Maston III	Cynthia L. Maston
Sep. 8	Manchester	Allison True Chapman	Randy J. Chapman	Ellen T. Chapman
Sep. 11	Nashua	Michael Francis Robicheau, Jr.	Michael F. Robicheau, Sr.	Marie C. Robicheau
Sep. 22	Nashua	David Frances Wieczerzak	Raymond M. Wieczerzak	Patricia M. Wieczerzak
Sep. 24	Nashua	Joseph Paul MacPhee	Paul J. MacPhee	Kathryn B. MacPhee
Sep. 28	Nashua	Lillian Elizabeth Hobbs	James B. Hobbs	Marjorie L. Hobbs
Sep. 29	Nashua	Michael Allen Williams	George E. Williams	Rosemary Williams
Oct. 7	Manchester	Sara Eileen Richard	Tad D. Richard	Debra K. Richard
Oct. 7	Manchester	James Daniel Callahan	Daniel J. Callahan	Karen A. Callahan
Oct. 9	Peterborough	Aidan Kevin Ahern	Alan W. Ahern	Kathleen A. Ahern
Oct. 10	Manchester	Jessey Warren Bryan	John A. Bryan	Isabelle A. Bryan

Date	Place of Birth	Name of Child	Name of Father	Name of Mother
Oct. 10	Nashua	Meaghan Christine Kalinowski	James P. Kalinowski	Eileen M. Kalinowski
Oct. 15	Manchester	Blaise D.P.E. Linehan	Michael J. Linehan	Jean Marie Essex
Oct. 28	Manchester	Richard Charles McDonough	Richard C. Gangi	Sheila A. McDonough
Nov. 6	Manchester	Carolyn Carton Corbet	William J. Corbet	Kathleen M. Corbet
Nov. 9	Nashua	Rebecca Ann Peterson	Michael P. Peterson	Mary L. Peterson
Nov. 13	Nashua	Victoria Joyce Mann	James W. Mann	Holly A. Mann
Nov. 17	Nashua	Sarah Prince Kennedy	Michael S. Kennedy	Jeanne M. Kennedy
Nov. 19	Nashua	Benjamin Kelley Gottwald	James A. Gottwald	Margaret E. Gottwald
Nov. 21	Nashua	Joseph Michael Leahy III	Joseph M. Leahy	Kathleen M. Leahy
Nov. 26	Nashua	Elizabeth Ann Hart	Richard O. Hart	Wendy Rannenberg
Nov. 29	Nashua	Erica Janelle Meehan	Brad D. Meehan	Christine Meehan
Dec. 18	Nashua	Devyn Miguel Cicero	Marke S. Cicero	Jillian A. Cicero
Dec. 24	Nashua	Matthew Adam Lockwood	Robert E. Lockwood	Jo B. Lockwood

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF AMHERST FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1997

Date	Place	Name of Bride & Groom	Name of Officiant
Oct. 18, 1996	Pittsburg	Barbara A. Anderson William C. Ryan, Jr.	Richard Jolicoeur Justice of the Peace
Jan. 3	Amherst	Sharon R. Rafferty Richard G. Dodge	Nancy A. Demers Justice of the Peace
Jan. 6	Amherst	Carla F. Nastri Mark M. Smith	Nancy A. Demers Justice of the Peace
Jan. 12	Nashua	Donna L. Smith William R. Johnson	Ronald G. Dumais Justice of the Peace
Jan. 25	Manchester	Amy K. Holder J. Richard Sciuto II	Louise A. Kathan Justice of the Peace
Feb. 14	Amherst	Andrea M. Jermine Christopher S. Greaney	Natalie R. Manor Justice of the Peace
Feb. 14	Hopkinton	Victoria Long John R. Wakelin	Thomas Johnson, Jr. Justice of the Peace
Mar. 1	Amherst	Cynthia M. Adams James L. Williams	Andrew K. Wilson Justice of the Peace
Mar. 15	Concord	Diane M. Stallings Mark L.P. Mrozek	Dennis Broussard Clergyman
Apr. 7	Amherst	Glenna A. Curtis Joel C. Hungerford	Katherine A. Sheehan Justice of the Peace
Apr. 12	Amherst	Nancy C. Surette Stuart M. Jolly	Nancy Grant Justice of the Peace
May 8	Amherst	Linda J. Spindler Timothy S. Lyon	David T. Taylor Clergyman
May 17	Amherst	Meryl L. Grandmaison Jere E. Pelletier	William T. Adams Clergyman
May 17	Milford	Nancy K. McCarthy Anthony F. Luongo	Michael J. Ciullo Clergyman
May 17	Milford	Julie M. Cammuso John M. Graham	Leonard F. Zecchini Clergyman

Date	Place	Name of Bride & Groom	Name of Officiant
May 24	Merrimack	Leina E. Clouse Brian M. Smoker	Larry Clouse Clergyman
May 24	Hollis	Angie M. Trott Erik R. Ward	David B. Scherer Clergyman
May 24	Sunapee	Stacy A. Wells Jeffrey E. Holt	Alice Roberts Clergyman
May 30	Amherst	Caryl L. Linley Randal L. Parker	David T. Taylor Clergyman
Jun. 7	Amherst	Sandra M. Lofgren Charles A. Moores III	David T. Taylor Clergyman
Jun. 7	Amherst	Sara E. Liberty Michael Luft	Linda L. Reger Justice of the Peace
Jun. 11	Amherst	Michelle L. Dyer Donald J. McIntyre, Jr.	Nancy A. Demers Justice of the Peace
Jun. 14	Amherst	April A. McBriarty Edward H. Weismann	David T. Taylor Clergyman
Jun. 14	Amherst	Tia C. Dennis Charles A. Morris	David T. Taylor Clergyman
Jun. 21	Carroll	Christine M.A. Bilodeau Robert F. Walsh, Jr.	Raymond J. Chaput Justice of the Peace
Jun. 21	Merrimack	Jennifer M. Talbott Aaron M. Gage	Larry Clouse Clergyman
Jun. 22	Manchester	Heather D. Prew James D. Case	Jonathan Prew Justice of the Peace
Jun. 22	Nashua	Charlotte C. Bolton Mark J. Troddyn	Gerard R. Desmarais Clergyman
Jun. 28	Jackson	Karin L. Ruse Christopher E. Alger	Terrie T. Kroger Justice of the Peace
Aug. 8	Bedford	Jennifer L. Krisch Karl W. Schult	J. Chandler Newton Clergyman
Aug. 9	Milford	Alice J. Gilmore Donald J. Alusic	Leonard F. Zecchini Clergyman

Date	Place	Name of Bride & Groom	Name of Officiant
Aug. 9	Salem	Lynn M. Bouchard Derek J. Liporto	Philip D. Fichera Justice of the Peace
Aug. 9	Amherst	Cynthia D. Lindquist Douglas W. Nelson	Jeanette Loverme Justice of the Peace
Aug. 9	Henniker	Michelle A. Perreault Steven R. Riley	Kathy Ann Courtenay Justice of the Peace
Aug. 14	Nashua	Dianne M. Maloney Geoffrey J. Couris	George L. Mousseau Justice of the Peace
Aug. 23	Amherst	Trisha M. Blodgett Jeffrey W. Paradise	T. David Gordon Clergyman
Aug. 27	Henniker	Kimberly A. Schacher Kurt L. Reisler	Jon A. Hall Justice of the Peace
Sep. 6	Nashua	Carisa A. Lyon Christopher M. Anctil	Raymond Gagnon Clergyman
Sep. 13	Amherst	Kristi L. Swanson Christian S. O'Shaughnessy	David T. Taylor Clergyman
Sep. 13	Nashua	Jody J. Rotolo Stephen A. Graves	Rebecca H. Turcott Clergyman
Sep. 20	Amherst	Yanira Montero Donald R. DeManche	Joyce McCaffery Justice of the Peace
Sep. 27	Amherst	Rowena F. McMahon Elliot S. Pratt III	Linda J. Tenney Justice of the Peace
Sep. 27	Nashua	Kerri Ann Forget Martin E. Kelley	James R. Henry Clergyman
Oct. 10	Amherst	Elizabeth D. Elliott Donald M. Waldron	David T. Taylor Clergyman
Oct. 11	Derry	Lori R. Andriano Duane E. Morgan	Philip D. Fichera Justice of the Peace
Oct. 17	Nashua	Cheryl J. West Scott A. Nulman	Marcel Martel Clergyman
Oct. 19	Manchester	Pamela J. Geiger Shawn T. Driscoll	Michael E. Gendron Clergyman

Date	Place	Name of Bride & Groom	Name of Officiant
Oct. 18	Milford	Vanessa B. Parry Ernest R. Sullivan	Donald C. MacQuarrie Justice of the Peace
Oct. 25	Amherst	Kimberly A. Lacroix Frank M. Zumbo	David T. Taylor Clergyman
Oct. 25	Bedford	Laura L. Cote James W. LaJeunesse	Mary-Ann LaJeunesse Justice of the Peace
Oct. 30	Nashua	Katia L. Oliveira Loren M. Decareau	Eleanor Benson Justice of the Peace
Nov. 15	Auburn	Marylou Thibodeau Eero J. Hyvonen	Robert H. Piller Clergyman
Nov. 29	Amherst	Janice L. Merrill John E. Avila	Leonard R. Holst Clergyman
Dec. 13	Amherst	Jami J. Poisson Paul H. Daniels	Walter Bausha, Jr. Justice of the Peace
Dec. 27	Hopkinton	Sarah N. Rome Thomas A. Douglas	Charles Douglas III Justice of the Peace
Dec. 31	Nashua	Mary L. Teczar Matthew O. Stacy	Marguerite L. Ross Justice of the Peace

DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF AMHERST
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1997

Date	Place of Death	Name of Deceased	Age	Name of Father	Name of Mother
Jan. 1	Amherst	Lynn A. White	61	James T. Fawcett	Marguerite Morris
Jan. 19	Nashua	Myrtle K. Conaway	91	Henry Kerr	Margaret Clayton
Jan. 27	Amherst	Hildegard Tumelaire	74	Simon Ulcnik	Alouise Polaijers
Mar. 22	Milford	Robert F. Franks	81	Robert W. Franks	Lucy Grimes
May 13	Nashua	Anne W. Vincent	51	Frank Kroeger	Helen Seery
May 15	Amherst	Altharetta Walker	89	Augustus E. Hammond	Myrtle Allard
Jun. 6	Amherst	Margaret M. Mueller	77	William Thieman	Margaret Murphy
Jun. 25	Milford	Alice S. Jesse	71	Sydney S. Pool	Sarah Goodwin
Jul. 2	Amherst	Margaret M. Lindabury	93	William Geipel	Mary Waters
Jul. 3	Milford	Marian Widrewitz	58	Julius Widrewitz	Doris Itzkow
Jul. 8	Nashua	Charles V. Laing	54	Charles V. Laing	Elsie Stephan
Jul. 11	Manchester	James W. DePriest	66	Floris E. DePriest	Bertha E. Wood
Ju. 22	Milford	Russell F. Brown	63	Nelson W. Brown	Olive Richardson
Aug. 4	Amherst	Stephen R. Peddle	41	Stephen Peddle	Mary Duffey
Aug. 18	Amherst	Elizabeth C. Jankoski	36	Frank Coyle	Retsy Paige
Aug. 24	Amherst	Fred C. MacMillan	75	Richard R. MacMillan	Helene G. Chipman
Aug. 3	Manchester	Franklin A. Worcester	89	Charles F. Worcester	Florence M. Tenney
Aug. 22	Manchester	Celine C. Pothier	65	Gerard L. Chenard	Eugenie Gagnon
Aug. 22	Manchester	Arthur V. Snowman	81	Guy B. Snowman	Marion A. Green
Aug. 25	Amherst	Michael J. Hogan	36	James Hogan	Marilyn Glover
Sep. 6	Amherst	John W. McLane	73	John McLane, Sr.	Charlotte Wiggin
Sep. 9	Amherst	Genoveffa M. Reppucci	99	Luigi Mortali	Maria Resteghini
Oct. 15	Milford	Henry A. LaPointe	71	Arthur LaPointe	Yvonne LeClerk
Oct. 22	Nashua	Judith L. King	54	Dean Petersen	Nancy Jarrat
Oct. 28	Bedford	Madeliene G. Bassett	96	Edwin Gilbert	Ione Hicks
Nov. 6	Manchester	Nancy J. B. Hayes	75	Arthur B. Bernard	Margaret Simpson
Nov. 26	Bedford	Jenne White	88	Frank J. Beadle	Fanny Brown
Dec. 5	Milford	George A. Kee	90	Arthur J. Kee	Fanny J. Sturtevant

BROUGHT FROM AWAY AND BURIED IN AMHERST, NH

Date of Death	Place of Death	Name of Deceased	Cemetery
Jan. 17, 1997	Manchester, NH	Helen B. Perkins	Meadowview
Apr. 24, 1997	Laconia, NH	Relma S. U. Hansen	Meadowview
Jun. 1, 1997	Rockport, MA	Florence P. Sears	Meadowview
Jun. 4, 1997	Milford, NH	John J. Gogan	St. Patrick's
Aug. 24, 1997	Bedford, NH	Beastrice E. Clegg	Meadowview
Aug. 27, 1997	Nashua, NH	Lawrence J. Cahill	St. Patrick's
Sep. 23, 1997	Milford, NH	Owen F. Matthews	St. Patrick's
Sep. 26, 1997	Lebanon, NH	Loretta J. Brown	Meadowview
Nov. 11, 1997	Milford, NH	Charles J. Klekotka	St. Patrick's
Nov. 21, 1997	Burlington, MA	Leon F. Kustron, Jr.	St. Patrick's
1996			
Jul. 2, 1996		Ethel M. Blood	Meadowview
Jul. 7, 1996	Salisbury, MA	William W. Vander Clute	Meadowview
Oct. 12, 1996	Bradenton, FL	Evelyn N. Bauer	Meadowview
Dec. 20, 1996	St. Cloud, FL	Lawrence R. Nichols	Cricket Corner

VOLUNTEER APPLICATION

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In order to make my contribution to the growth and welfare of the Town of Amherst, I am willing to volunteer to serve on the following Boards, Commission and Committees. My preference is indicated by 1, 2, 3, etc.

_____**Board of Adjustment**	_____**Recreation Commission**
_____**Planning Board**	_____**Road Commission**
_____**Historic District**	_____**N.R.P.C.**
_____**Conservation Commission**	_____**S.R.L.D.**
_____**Ways & Means Committee**	_____**Recycling Committee**

Attach a brief statement as to why you feel qualified to serve as indicated above.

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The Cover

The Amherst Railroad Station once stood on the north side of Thornton's Ferry Road I, just east of the Courthouse Road intersection.

Ground was broken in 1899 for the Milford Manchester line by the Boston and Maine Railroad. It took a thousand men to build this line of 18 miles and 29 curves. It finally opened December 31, 1900.

The railroad did not actually go to either Manchester or Milford. It left the Wilton tracks at East Milford, ran parallel to Route 122, and passed to the east of Courthouse Road to the Amherst depot. Its next stop was at the northern end of Baboosic Lake, and then continued on until connecting with the Goffstown Line near Route 114 and Mast Road.

It was built by the Boston and Maine to prevent a competing railroad from building a similar line. It was intentionally made to be slow, circuitous, and undependable. It took two hours to go the 18 miles, and cost 59 cents.

In this 1910 picture, the station was decorated for Amherst's 150th anniversary.

The railroad was abandoned in 1925.

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